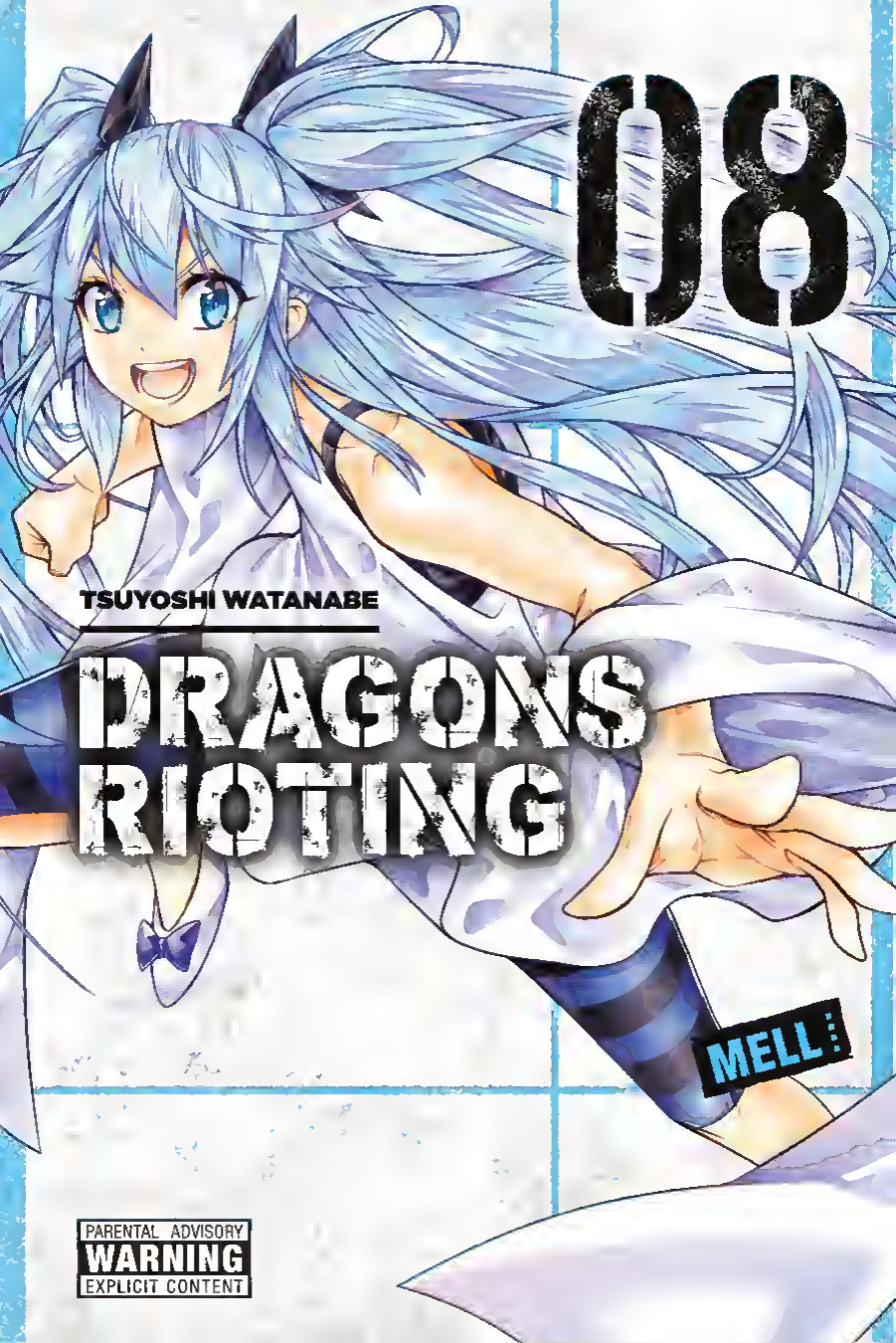
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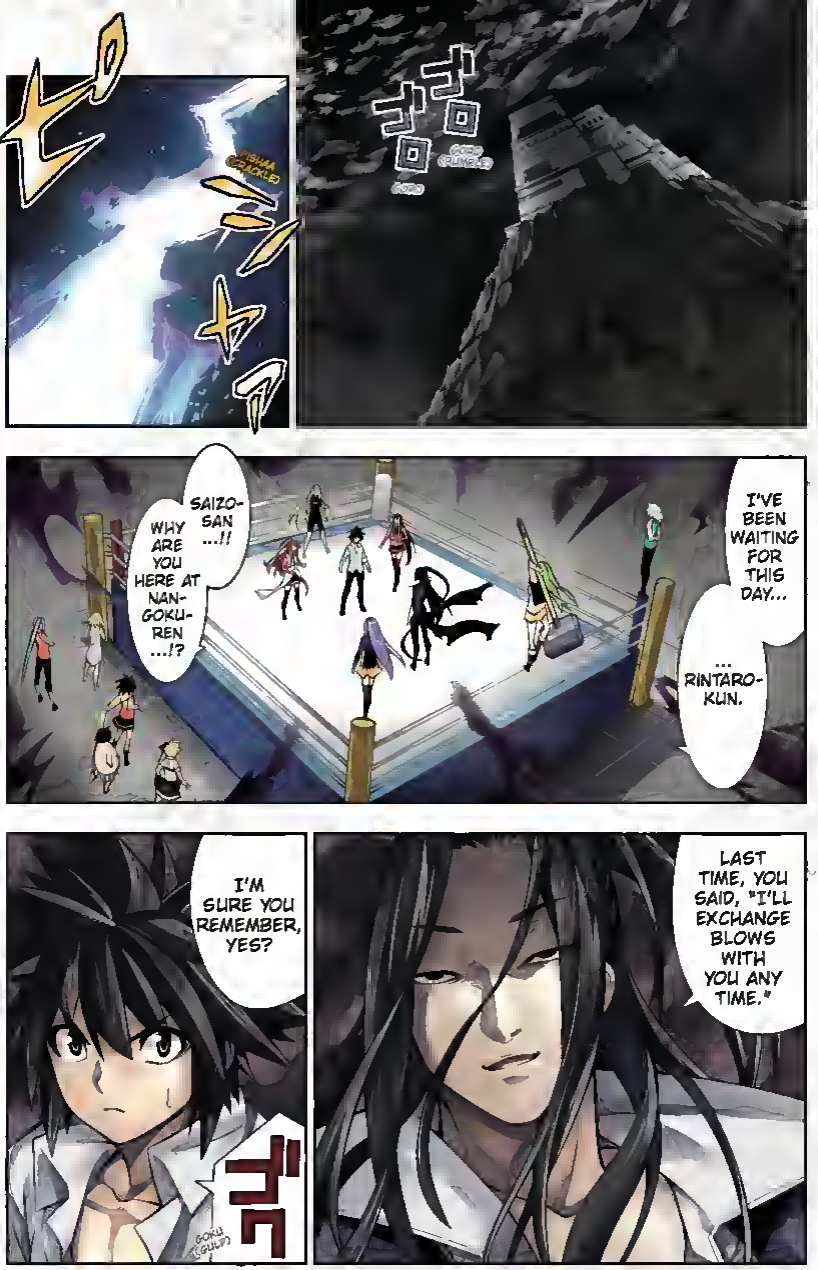
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ISHAA (CRACKLE)
김김
김
(CRACKLE)
(SOUND)
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY...
... RINTARO-KUN.
SAIZO-SAN ...!!
WHY ARE YOU HERE AT NAN-GOKU-REN ...!?
I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER, YES?
ゴク
(GOKU (GULP))
LAST TIME, YOU SAID, "I'LL EXCHANGE BLOWS WITH YOU ANY TIME."

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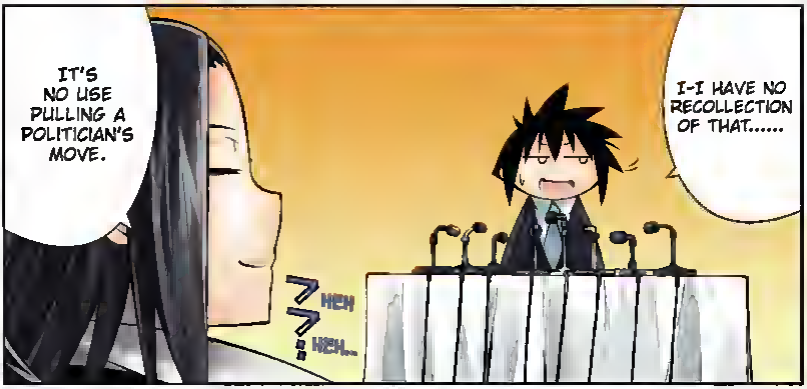
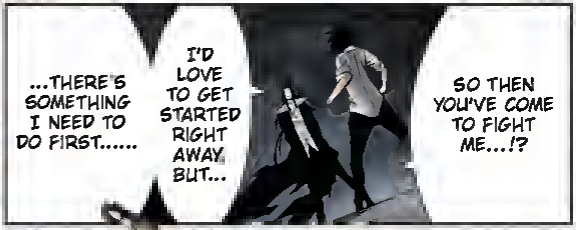
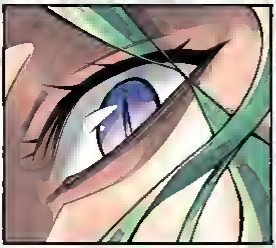
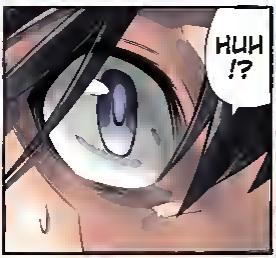

I-I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THAT.....
HEH
HEH...
IT'S NO USE PULLING A POLITICIAN'S MOVE.

!!
SOME-THING YOU NEED TO DO?


...THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO FIRST.....
I'D LOVE TO GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY, BUT...
SO THEN YOU'VE COME TO FIGHT ME...!?




HUH !?

!!?
KUH!
DOGOOD (SMASH)
BAKI (SMASH)
BAKI (SMASH)
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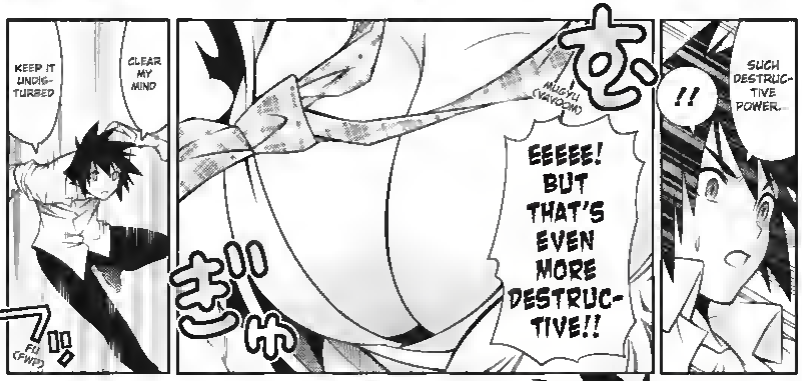

KEEP IT UNDISTURBED
CLEAR MY MIND
FU (FWP)
ALUGYU (WAOOOH)
EEEEE! BUT THAT'S EVEN MORE DESTRUCTIVE!!
!!
SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER.

OH?
PISHI (SHOOT)
PHEW...

JOHNESS
HYU (ZIP)
FORM OF THE HUNTER X HUNTER

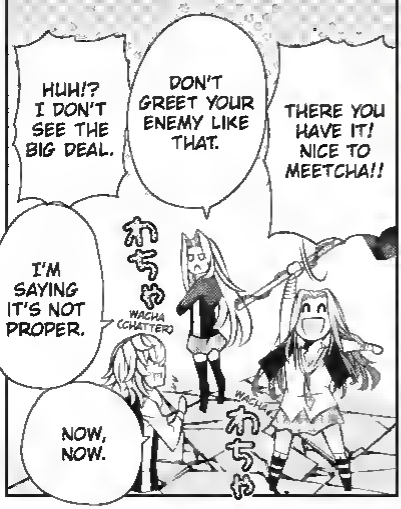
FU (FLOAT)
!!?
KUH...
BO (WHOOSH)
BA (CHOP)
HUWA (FWOOSH)
HUH ...!?
TH-THIS IS...

"THE PANTIES SHINE OVERHEAD"
EEEEEEE!!
キラ
KIRA
キラ
KIRA (TWINKLE)
CLEAR MY MIND.
スイー
SUI (SWIM)
KEEP IT UNDISTURBED.
SHITA-MACHI ROCKET
シュゴー
SHUGOOOO (BLAST)
WAY OF THE TSUKUDA—
RINTARO PRIDE
THAT'S ENOUGH.
RENA. ISAMI.
SUU (SWF)

HAAH. HAAH.
...
TELLS ME THEY WERE SERIOUSLY TRYING TO TAKE ME OUT...!!
THE LOOK IN THEIR EYES.....
KYU (SWISH)
THE MORE TIME BETWEEN FIGHTS, THE MORE OUR SENSES DULL.
WHAT!? WE'RE GOING TO PUT THIS OFF AGAIN?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, RINTARO-KUN.
THEIR HOT TEMPERS CAUSED YOU TROUBLE.
SUTA (TMP)
AH... RIGHT.
ISN'T IT KIRIHIKO-SAN?
IORI, THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME MEETING THEM BESIDES KIRIKO, RIGHT?
ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE THEM.
KIRIKO?
.....
YES, SIR!!
YOU MAY REVERT NOW.
EH?
EH?
BAKO (POOMF)
SHURI (SHF)
PASA (PLIP)

BECAUSE IT'S EASIER TO APPROACH YOU AS A GUY, NO?
WH-WHY WERE YOU DRESSED LIKE A GUY...?
PHEW...
Y-YOU'RE A GIRL—!?
UGH... I HAD NO CLUE...
WITH THE DECREASE IN CLOTHING, THERE'S AN INCREASE IN FEAR.
THIS IS WHY GIRLS...ARE SO VILE.
THESE THREE GIRLS ARE WARRIORS WHO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES.
A.K.A. THE "ULTIMATE BLACK TRIO."
ULTIMATE BLACK...
...TRIO...!?

ULTIMATE BLACK TRIO
FORGED OF IRON — RENA
ULTIMATE BLACK TRIO
SILENT FROZEN HUNGER — ISAMI


THERE YOU HAVE IT! NICE TO MEETCHA!!
DON'T GREET YOUR ENEMY LIKE THAT.
HUH!? I DON'T SEE THE BIG DEAL.
わちゃ
WACHA (CHATTER)
I'M SAYING IT'S NOT PROPER.
NOW, NOW.
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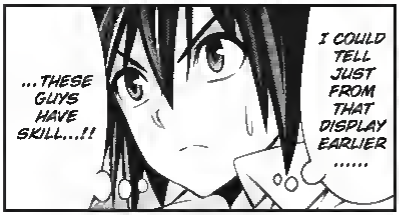

I COULD TELL JUST FROM THAT DISPLAY EARLIER .....
...THESE GUYS HAVE SKILL...!!

SO WHY DID YOU COME HERE..
... WITH THIS "ULTIMATE BLACK TRIO" TEAM?
OH... THAT'S RIGHT.

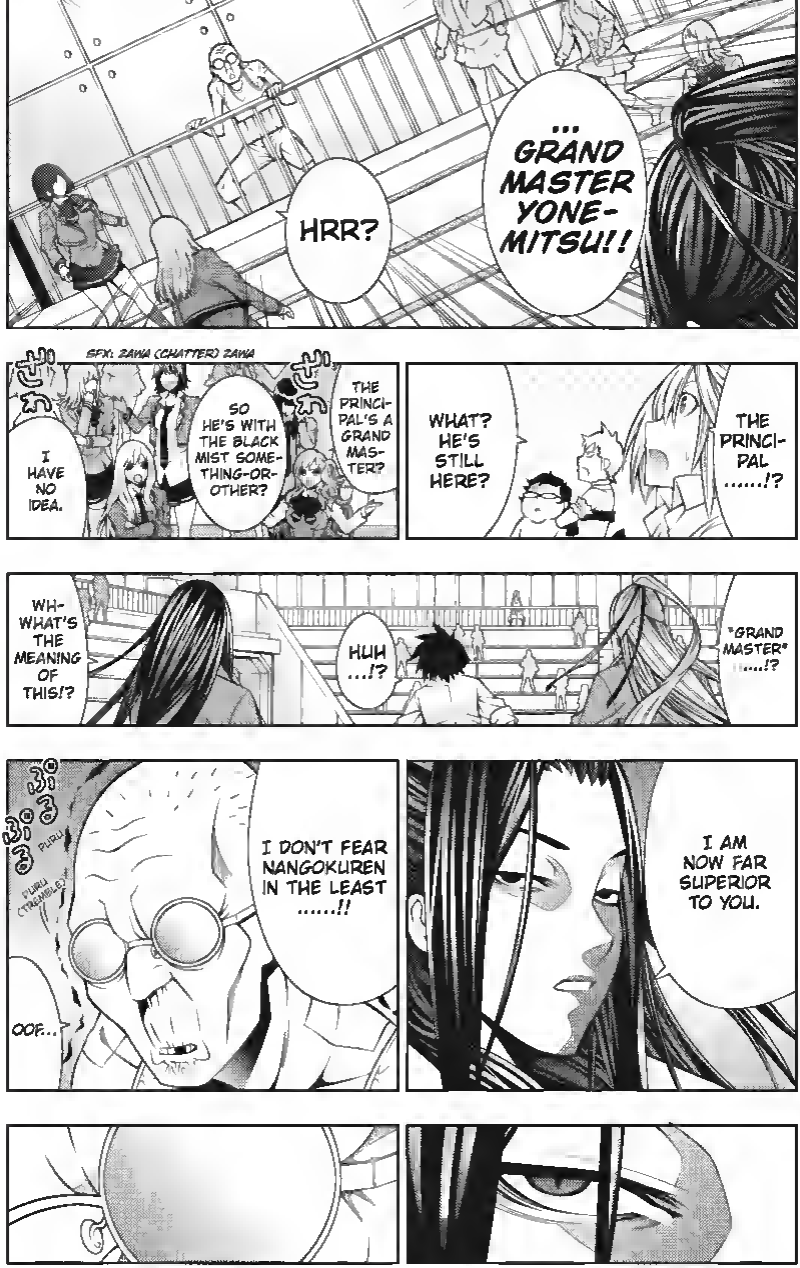
RIGHT NOW..... THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES ARE MAKING RAPID PROGRESS ...
...IN TAKING THE MAIN STAGE, AFTER ONLY EXISTING IN THE SHADOWS.
WE NEED TO MAKE OUR POWER KNOWN TO THE WORLD ...!!

ULTIMATE BLACK TRIO
VANISHING MIST — KIRIKO

THE BLUE SKIES ARE ALREADY DEAD!!
THE BLACK SKIES SHALL SOON RISE!!
!!
...ARE MOVING UP IN THE WORLD ...!?
THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES...
FIRST... WE NEED A FOOTHOLD —
KA (CLACK)
I SORTA HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT.
JAPANESE IS HARD.
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA ZAWAZAWA
THE BLACK MIST... WHAT?

SO NAN-GOKUREN SHALL FALL UNDER THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES' CONTROL ...
...AND BECOME OUR HOME BASE!!
DOYO
DOYO
DOYO
DOYO
I DON'T GET IT.
HUH? WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE TAKING CONTROL ... OF NAN-GOKUREN !!?
!!!
BA-DUDOOO
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES!!
WH-WHY NAN-GOKUREN, THOUGH !?
...AND PUT THEM TO WORK AS MY SOLDIERS.
SO I THOUGHT I'D DRILL THE WAYS OF THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES INTO THEM...
I'VE HEARD THAT NAN-GOKUREN HAS MANY TALENTED STUDENTS.

YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ME!
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LEARN THE TECHNIQUES OF THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES ...!!
HUH? WHO DOES THIS GUY THINK HE IS?
WHERE DO YOU GET OFF !!?
GO HOME!!
GET OUTTA HERE!!
YOU WANT TO MAKE THEM DO WHAT WE HAD TO...
...AND MAKE FRIENDS FIGHT EACH OTHER ...!?
HOW DARE HE...
...
THAT'S THE FUN PART...
NAN-GOKUREN WILL BE MINE.....
I'M SURE YOU DON'T MIND...

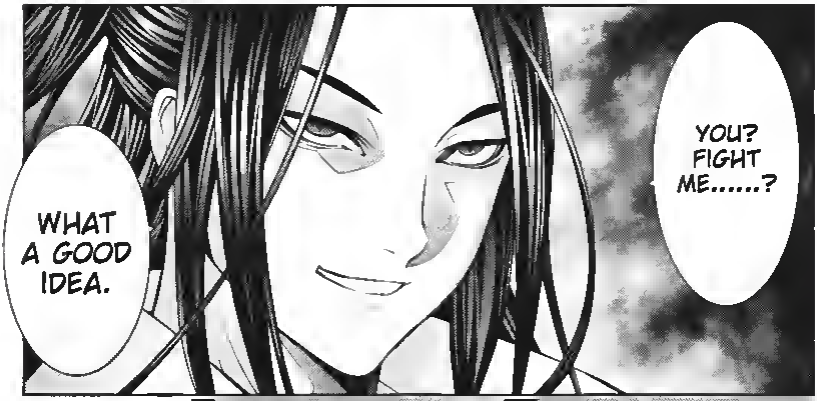

HRR?
...GRAND MASTER YONE-MITSU!!
SFX: ZAWA (CHATTER) ZAWA
I HAVE NO IDEA.
SO HE'S WITH THE BLACK MIST SOME-THING-OR-OTHER?
THE PRINCI-PAL'S A GRAND MAS-TER?
WHAT? HE'S STILL HERE?
THE PRINCI-PAL .....!?
WH-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?
HUH ...!?
"GRAND MASTER" ....!?
OOF...
FURU (TREMBLE)
FURU
I DON'T FEAR NANGOKUREN IN THE LEAST .....!!
I AM NOW FAR SUPERIOR TO YOU.

ZUKOOO (FLOP)
SNRRK ...
ZZZZ
I DON'T HAVE MUCH LONGER TO LIVE ANYWAY...
HRM ...
...
...
P-PRINCI-PAL!!
WH-WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
THE SCHOOL'S GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU!!
BUH?
ZA CSHU
I DON'T MIND USING FORCE.
HOW CAN YOU GIVE IN SO EASILY ...?
THIS ISN'T LIKE WHEN YOU HAVE EXTRA PRODUCE TO SHARE!!
NO!! YOU CAN'T!!
WHY DON'T I JUST GIVE IT TO HIM?

IT'S TRUE, YOU'RE STRONG.
BUT YOUR DEFINITION OF STRENGTH ...
...IS DEFINITELY NOT RIGHT.
STRENGTH IS DESTRUCTION ...
...AND CONTROL.
SAIZO-SAN...
KUUU (THUD)
EARLIER, YOU SAID WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL ...
...FOR GETTING TO LEARN THE WAYS OF THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES.
BUT THERE IS NO ONE HERE AT NANGOKU-REN...
...WHO WANTS THAT!!

YEAAAAAH!!
THOSE ARE SOME MIXED COMPLIMENTS .....
HE'S THE BEST THE BOYS HAVE TO OFFER!!
YANYA
I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST SOME GROSS DUDE, BUT HE'S NOT BAD!!
YANYA (CHEERS)
THAT'S THE SPIRIT! GIVE IT TO HIM!
YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT!!
YANYA
!!
SO?
BAF-FLING..
LOOKS LIKE HE'S SUDDENLY THE POPULAR KID..
KIRA (TWINKLE)
THAT'S MY RIN-TARO-SAMA!
KIRA
GYU (ANGRY)
I'LL HAVE NANGOKUREN EVEN IF I HAVE TO TAKE IT BY FORCE.
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT, RINTARO-KUN?

SAIZO-SAN, I WILL FIGHT YOU IF I MUST...
...AND I WILL THWART YOUR AIMS!!


YOU? FIGHT ME.....?
WHAT A GOOD IDEA.

I'M WITH RINTARO.
SFX: KA (CLACK)
HUH?
KOOOO (WOOOO)

LECTURING AN IDIOT WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.
IT'D BE FASTER TO JUST TAKE HIM OUT WITH A SINGLE BLOW!!
THE DRAGON OF GLEAMING MIGHT IS HERE!!
KYOKA !!
IT'S KYOKA!
SOME-THING'S BEEN GIVING OFF A REAL TASTY SMELL.
LOOKS LIKE YOU TWO ARE HAVING ALL THE FUN.
KYOKA-SAN...

NI (GRIND)
PERO (LICK)
!!
KA (CLICK)
YOU CAN'T RELY ON THAT GIRL.
I'M ONLY HERE TO EAT TASTY-LOOKING PREY. THAT'S ALL.
HUH?
TA (TMK)
YOU'LL FIGHT ALONGSIDE ME, KYOKA-SAN!?

SHE'S ONLY INTERESTED IN SATISFYING HERSELF.
IT'S GLASS-ES-SAN!!
HMPH! SO THE BRAIN HAS ARRIVED.
RINO HAS MADE HER EN-TRANCE —!!
THE DRAGON OF STORMING JADE IS HERE!!
MORE THAN THE EM-PRESS-ES...?
...THE OPPO-NENTS' POWER EXCEEDS THAT OF THE FIVE EMPER-ORS.
JUDGING BY THE DAMAGE ON THE BUILDING ...
OOH, THEY REALLY DID A NUMBER HERE.

!!
PEKO (BOW)
WELL, IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD FOR YOU, RINO.
YOU THINK SO?
UGH, I'M ITCHING TO GET GOING ALREADY. I WANNA HURRY AND FIGHT!!
WE'VE GOT ALL THE CAPABLE FOLKS WE NEED ASSEMBLED.
SA (CLICK)
SFX: GU (STRETCH)
...FOR HER.....
ALL EXCEPT...
HM (STARE)

LOOK AT THAT .....
HA...!
.....
AND STORMING JADE...
THE DRAGONS OF GLEAMING MIGHT...
...WE'RE ALL GATHERED HERE.
PIRI (TENSE)
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL LOSE NOW!!
WOO-HOO!
うおおおおお
THE DRAGONS HAVE ASSEMBLED —!!

TO HAVE THIS MANY CAPABLE PEOPLE GATHERED IN ONE PLACE.....
I KNEW I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE WITH NAN-GOKUREN ...
KUH KUH... KUH KUH KUH...
...IT MAKES ME WANT IT EVEN MORE.....!!
QUIT DAWDLING AND GET OVER HERE! RINTARO!!
HUH?
PHOO...
ALL RIGHT!!
GOT IT!
MEGU. SHU. MY SWORDS...
WAIT.. WHAT? H-HOLD ON...
ZA (SIGH)
HMPH! THIS IS A SURPRISE FEAST.
HEH HEH...
MY BODY'S GETTING SOFT...
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE. LEMME FIGHT!!
HEY, SAIZO!

I HAVE A PROPOSAL.
RINTARO-KUN.
WHAT IS IT? SPIT IT OUT ALREADY.
YOU'RE STILL NOT DONE TORMENTING HIM!?
HUH!? SAIZO!
WHAT IS IT, SAIZO-SAN?
...
DON'T SPOIL THE MOOD!!
...ISN'T SOMETHING YOU GET TO SEE EVERY DAY.
TO HAVE THIS MANY CAPABLE WARRIORS FIGHTING UNDER ONE ROOF...

?
DON'T YOU AGREE IT'D BE A WASTE...
...IF WE DIDN'T SPICE THINGS UP A BIT?
YOU FOUR REPRESENT NANGOKU-REN...
...AND THESE FOUR REPRESENT THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES.
WE'LL HOLD ONE-ON-ONE BATTLES BETWEEN THEM AND WHOEVER HAS THE MOST WINNERS BY THE END...
...GETS NANGOKU-REN!!
GO (RUMBLE)
!!
WE'LL RECONVENE IN A FEW DAYS!!
I KNOW... WE'LL CALL IT—

THE SAIZO GAMES?
HM...?
I'M BEING INCLUDED IN THIS—!!?
OF COURSE, MASTER!
IF YOU DON'T GET WITH THE PROGRAM, I'LL SLUG YOU.
...
THE REN-BLACK BATTLE TO RULE!!!
THAT REMINDS ME TOO MUCH OF A CERTAIN GREEN PERSON...
.....LET'S GO WITH THIS IN-STEAD—

THE REN-BLACK BATTLE TO RULE...!?
FOUR FROM NANGOKUREN AND FOUR FROM THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES WILL FIGHT...
...FOR THE RIGHT TO RULE THE SCHOOL!!
IT'LL BE LIKE A LITTLE GAME.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D CALL IT A GAME ...
ゴク
GOKU (GULP)
SAIZO LOVES STUFF LIKE THIS.
SO CHILDISH.
IT'S SAIZO-SAMA'S SENSE OF FUN.
SAIZO-SAN .....
...YOU'VE OVERLOOKED A MAJOR POINT.
!!
IF IT'S FOUR AGAINST FOUR, THIS COULD ALL END WITH A TIE.
HM... YOU'VE GOT A POINT.
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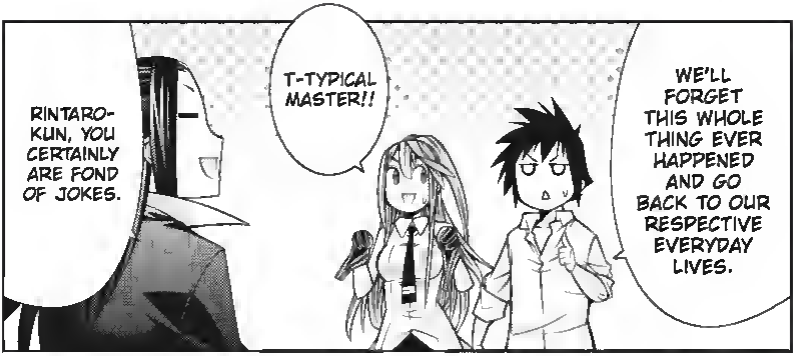
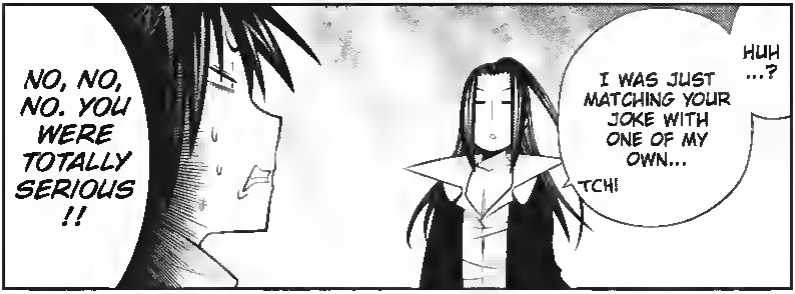
2
3
4
DRAW
KI (GLARE)
SO LET'S DO THIS INSTEAD —


RINTARO-KUN, YOU CERTAINLY ARE FOND OF JOKES.
T-TYPICAL MASTER!!
WE'LL FORGET THIS WHOLE THING EVER HAPPENED AND GO BACK TO OUR RESPECTIVE EVERYDAY LIVES.

...WE'LL FIGHT UNTIL ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER PERISHES.
IN THE MOST LITERAL SENSE...
HOW ABOUT A SUDDEN DEATH SCENARIO?

THAT WON'T SETTLE THINGS AT ALL!!
ONE OR THE OTHER PERISHES .....?


NO, NO, NO. YOU WERE TOTALLY SERIOUS !!
I WAS JUST MATCHING YOUR JOKE WITH ONE OF MY OWN...
TCH!
HUH ...?

WE... MIGHT AS WELL DO THIS COMPETITION IN A WAY THAT SATISFIES EVERYONE.
MATCH
REP
REP
EACH TEAM WILL CHOOSE ONE PERSON AT A TIME TO REPRESENT THEIR SIDE.
WE CAN FIGHT TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT THERE.....
...NANGOKUREN'S GOT A PRETTY GOOD SCHOOL-YARD.
AS FOR THE LOCA-TION...
I'LL HAVE LOST EVEN MORE OF MY EDGE...
HUH!? WE GOTTA WAIT FOUR DAYS? WHY, SAIZO?
LET'S HOLD THE MATCH IN FOUR DAYS.
KURO (TURN)
AND WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN, RINTARO-KUN.
7 DAYS
THEY'RE GOING AHEAD AND MAKING PLANS... HOW COCKY.
OUR OPPONENTS AREN'T EVEN ENTERTAINING THE POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT.
WE HAVE TO BEGIN PREPARING TO MOVE OUR BASE OF OPERATIONS, REMEMBER?

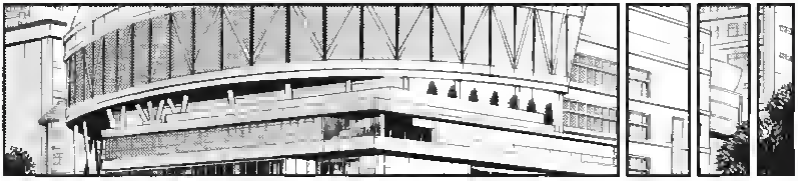
GU
GU (CLENCH)
M-MASTER, JUST WHAT ARE THOSE WORDS...!?
BIKU (JUMP)
PIKKAA (FLASH)
EXPECTO PATRO-NUM!!

...BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND. LET'S HOLD A SPECIAL ALL-SCHOOL MEETING TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THE DANGER WE'RE IN!!
TH-THAT LOOKED FUN, BUT...
HAHA
HAHA
THAT'S ALL I CAN DO AT THE MOMENT...

NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION!!
WACHA
WACHA (GAB)
WE NEED TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT A BIG THREAT THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES ARE.
Y-YEAH!!

ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS GETTING TO EAT.
DON'T LOOK AT ME.
...APPEAR TO BE BOUND BY SOME POWERFUL DESTINY...
TACHIBANA AND THAT SAIZO GUY...

.....
THERE'S NO DATA ON THEM
THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES ...
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO PANICKING ABOUT?

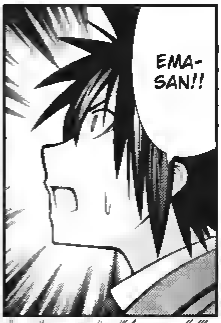


RIGHT NOW, NANGOKU-REN...
ZAWA ZAWA
ZAWA ZAWA
...IS FACED WITH A HUGE CRISIS.
THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES ARE PLANNING TO USE FORCE AND FEAR...
...TO TAKE CONTROL OF NANGOKUREN AND ITS STUDENTS!!
IF THAT HAPPENS, THEN LIFE AT NANGOKUREN AS WE KNOW IT WILL BE OVER!!
PLEASE, MASTER A WORD.
R-RIGHT !!
THE BLACK MIST... AND DARK SKIES !?
DOYO DOYO
SHE MEANS NAN-GOKUREN WILL BE TAKEN OVER ....../?
DOYO DOYO
TH-THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES IS—
!!

GIRLS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE...
スス
MASTER?
I-I BLANKED...
ぼそ
YOU BLANKED ...?
WHY ARE YOU PULLING A "WHISPERING PROPRIETRESS" ACT!?
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!?
HUH? WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS MEETING ANYWAY?
I GET WHY THE DRAGON OF FLASHING STAR WOULD SPEAK, BUT...
...WHY'S HE UP THERE TOO?
THAT REMINDS ME, WASN'T HE A CANDIDATE FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?
OHHH! I THINK I REMEMBER THAT!!
MASTER, WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU!?
I'M SORRY, I SUDDENLY GOT SELF-CONSCIOUS AND COULDN'T DO IT...

EVERYONE!! PLEASE LISTEN!!
YOUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS SOMETHING TO SAY!!
EH (PWIP)

I TURNED DOWN POSITION AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT !!
ZAWA
HUH? NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT!?
THIS GUY? WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN!?
ZAWA (MURMUR)


EMA-SAN!!

SFX: ZAWA (CHATTER)
IF EMA-CHAN SAYS SO, I GUESS IT'S OKAY?
BUT IT HASN'T BEEN OFFICIALLY DECIDED.

!!
CHINTARO IS THE ONE...
...MUCH BETTER SUITED FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PREZ!!

HUH!?
BA
THEN LET'S DECIDE IT RIGHT NOW!!
THAT SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, RIGHT, PRINCIPAL?
UH-HUHM...
HEY! YOU BRAINY FOUR-EYES!!
WHAT ABOUT THE SECOND-YEARS!?
WHATEVER KYOKA SAYS, WE'RE ALWAYS DOWN FOR IT!!
OF COURSE WE ARE!!
THE THIRD-YEARS ARE OKAY WITH IT TOO, RIGHT!?
WAAAAH!
KYOKA-SAN...

.....
WHAT'LL IT BE, RINO...?
.....
KURU CTURN
DO AS YOU WISH.
ALL RIGHT!! THE SECOND-YEARS WILL DECIDE NOW TOO!!
BA (P-WIP)
WE'LL VOTE WHETHER RINTARO TACHIBANA IS FIT TO BE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT HE'S THE MAN FOR THE JOB, RAISE YOUR HAND!!
ZA (CRSH)
WHAT DO WE DO?
I GUESS IT'S OKAY? NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE ELSE.
IT'S BETTER THAN THE OTHER GUYS AT LEAST.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING SO GEEKY ABOUT HIM.
THEY DON'T SOUND EXCITED ...

!!
AYANE-SAN..
KOKU (GONG)
ゴク
BA
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IT'S UNANIMOUS ...!!
THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILL BE RINTARO TACHIBANA!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!
GOOD LUCK!
DON'T GO RUNNING OFF ON US!
WAAA

RINTARO!!
Y-YES!!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
I-I GUESS NOT...
...THE POWER YOU HAVE TO WIN PEOPLE OVER!!
MASTER, YOU JUST NEVER REALIZED ...
ACK!!
Y-YOU DON'T SAY!?
THIS ISN'T THE POWER TO WIN PEOPLE OVER.
THIS MUST BE THE POWER TO LIGHT YOUR OWN ASS ON FIRE...!
EEEEK! IT KEEPS CHASING ME!!
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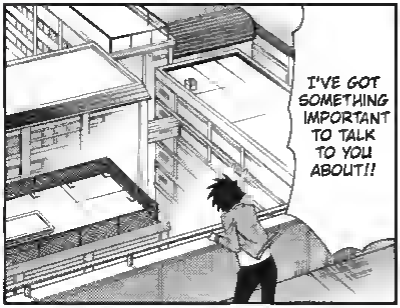
BOWA (FWOOSH)
BEING THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAKES YOU THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NANGOKU-REN.
NOW THERE'S NO ESCAPING THE MATCH!!
HEY! WHO'S GOING TO FIGHT THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES!?
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR SCHOOL IS THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER THREE —!?
UH...
IT'S ALREADY UP TO ME...?
UUUH... THE FOUR WHO WILL REPRESENT NANGOKU-REN ARE...
...ME AND AYANE-SAN...
...AS WELL AS KYOKA-SAN, AND...

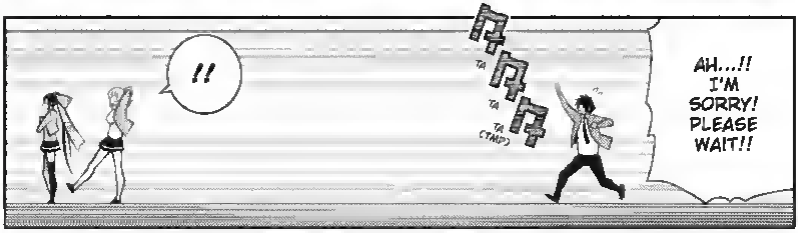
KYORO (GLANCE)
SHE'S NOT HERE...
WHERE'D SHE GO!?
KYORO

...GLASSES-SAN...
HUH?

HUH...!? O-OKAY!!
TAKE CARE OF THE REST FOR ME!!
DA (DASH)
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HER.
S-SORRY, AYANE-SAN!


I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT!!

GLASSES-SAN!
WHERE'D YOU GO!?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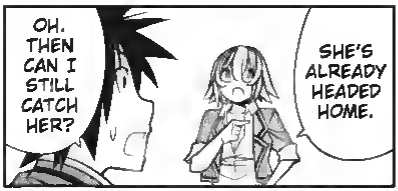
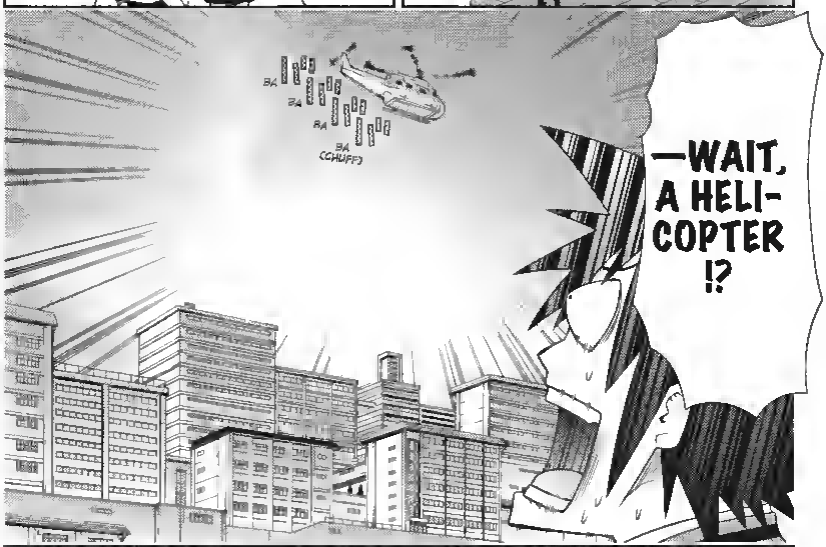
TA (TMP)
AH...!! I'M SORRY! PLEASE WAIT!!


OH. THEN CAN I STILL CATCH HER?
SHE'S ALREADY HEADED HOME.

UM... DO YOU KNOW WHERE GLASSES-SAN IS?
HUH? WHICH GLASSES WOULD YOU BE TALKING ABOUT?
YOU MEAN RINO?
Y-YES.
!!
HAAH.
!!
HAAH

IF I CAN STILL SEE HER, THEN IT SHOULD BE FINE—
SU (SWF)
YOU CAN SEE HER...SO YOU TELL ME.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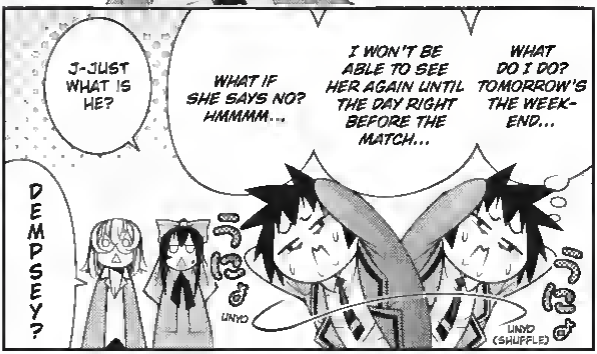
BA
BA (CHUFF)
—WAIT, A HELI-COPTER !?

A COPTER COMMUTE !?
RINO COMMUTES TO SCHOOL VIA HELICOPTER EVERY DAY.
WHAT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
A-A COPTER!! A COPTER !?

AAAAH! I'M FEELING REEEEALLY ANXIOUS NOW!
GAAAH
AAH!
WHY DID SHE SUDDENLY GO HOME—!? SHE'S GOING TO HELP ME FIGHT, RIGHT? ISN'T SHE? ISN'T SHE?

IN THAT CASE...
...I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO TO HER HOUSE ...!!


J-JUST WHAT IS HE?
WHAT IF SHE SAYS NO? HMMMM...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HER AGAIN UNTIL THE DAY RIGHT BEFORE THE MATCH...
WHAT DO I DO? TOMORROW'S THE WEEK-END...
DEMPSEY?
UNYO
UNYO (SHUFFLE)

SO I THOUGHT I'D... DROP BY.
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO CONFIRM WITH HER.....
HUH? I DO, BUT...
...WHY?
UM...WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE SHE LIVES?

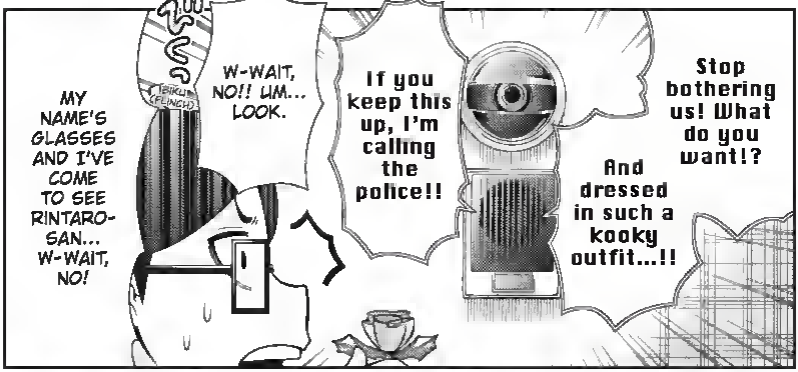
...I HAVE TO KNOW ...!?
ONE THING...

OH, YEAH!!
...THERE'S ONE THING YOU HAVE TO KNOW.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO RINO'S HOUSE...

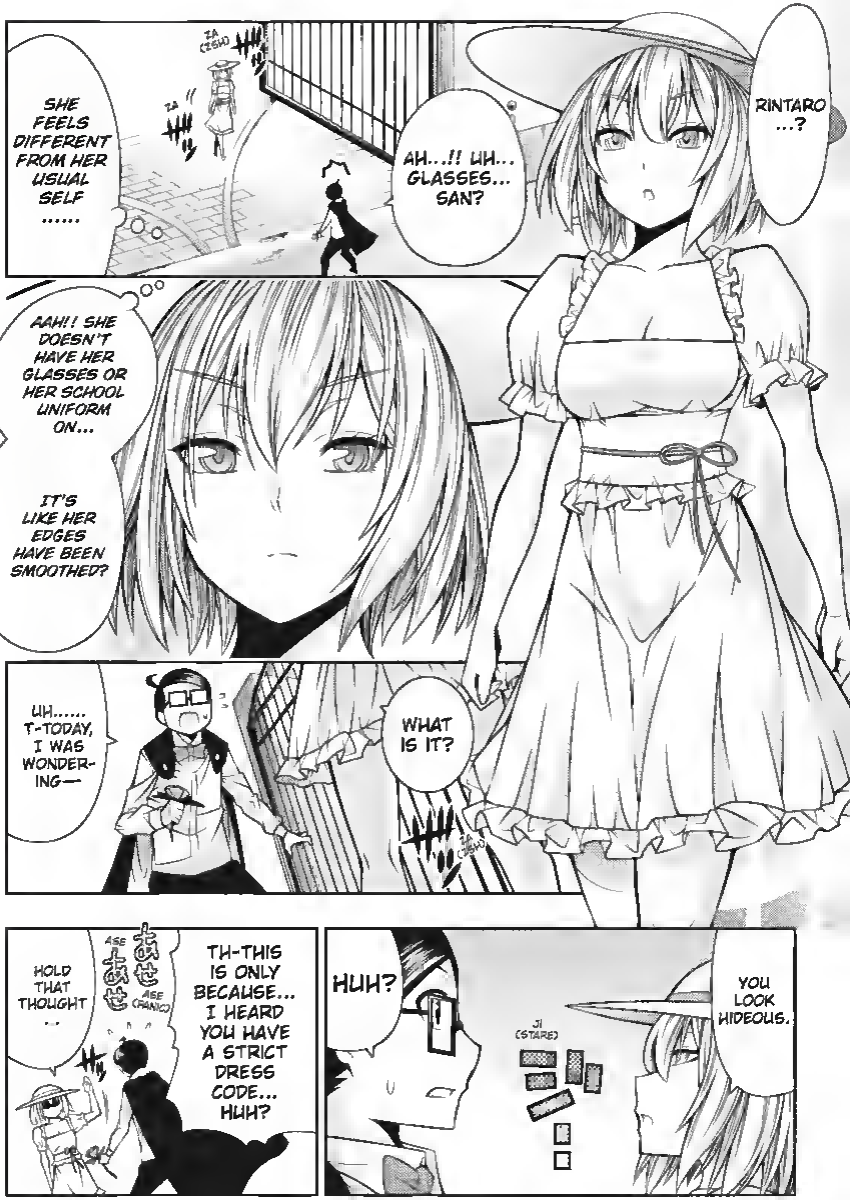
THE NEXT DAY
HAH!
HUP!
TO (TAP)
OOP!
HOH!
(SSHH)
SO THIS IS GLASSES-SAN'S HOUSE .....
PHEW... I MADE IT.
(SSH)
ZUUUUN (LOOOOM)
IT TOOK SOME TIME GETTING READY, BUT...
AN UNUSUAL CONDITION
BASA (RAID)
DRESS CODE!?
IF YOU DON'T DRESS APPROPRIATELY, YOU'LL BE TURNED AWAY AT THE DOOR.
... ABOUT THE DRESS CODE.
THE THING YOU HAVE TO KNOW...

PICHI (CLICK)
I'VE GOT A SIDE PART AND SPECS!!
HELLO, KINGSMAN. DON'T I MAKE A DECENT ENGLISH GENT?
KIPI (GLINT)
...I PULLED IT OFF FLAW-LESSLY !!
JAN (SWING)
...BOW TIE!!
SHE WON'T MIND SEEING MY FACE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, SINCE I'M ROCKING THIS SIGNATURE ANNOUNCER KURABE...
COM-PLETE WITH ROSE AND CAPE!!
BASA (FLAP)
AND FOR MY ATTIRE, A TUXEDO. JUST CALL ME TUXEDO MASK.
SHIIIN (HUUUUSH)
...
PIN!DOON (DING-DOOONG)
AND WITH THAT...
SHIIIN
...
PIN!DOON
SHIIIN
...
PIN!DOON

...THE THREE BELLS FOR HELP!!?
NYURURU (WHOOSH)
I'VE RUNG THE DOORBELL THREE TIMES AND STILL NO ANSWER... IS THIS TRULY...

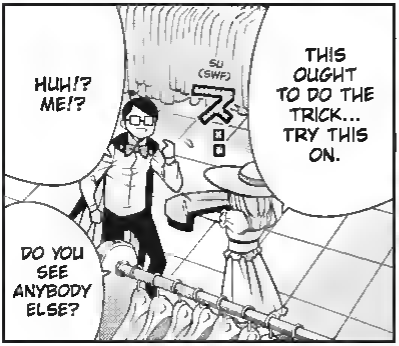

MY NAME'S GLASSES AND I'VE COME TO SEE RINTARO-SAN... W-WAIT, NO!
W-WAIT, NO!! UM... LOOK.
If you keep this up, I'm calling the police!!
Stop bothering us! What do you want!?
And dressed in such a kooky outfit...!!

OH!
AH!! GLASSES-SAN, IT'S ME! RINTARO !!
Oh, Rino-sama. There's a strange man outside ...
What's the matter, Baaya ...?
Rintaro ?


SHE FEELS DIFFERENT FROM HER USUAL SELF .....
ZA (SHU)
ZA
AH...!! UH... GLASSES... SAN?
RINTARO ...?
AAH!! SHE DOESN'T HAVE HER GLASSES OR HER SCHOOL UNIFORM ON...
IT'S LIKE HER EDGES HAVE BEEN SMOOTHED?
UH..... T-TODAY, I WAS WONDER-ING—
WHAT IS IT?
ZA (SHU)
HOLD THAT THOUGHT..
ASE (PANIC)
TH-THIS IS ONLY BECAUSE... I HEARD YOU HAVE A STRICT DRESS CODE... HUH?
HUH?
JI (STARE)
YOU LOOK HIDEOUS.

SFX: SA (SWISH)

Y-YES, MA'AM!!
AT ONCE.
HUH?
GET IN.
UH-OH...!! AM I BEING ESCORTED AWAY.....!?
KIKI (SQUEAL)
RATAN (SLAM)
WH-WHAT IS THIS.....!?


HUH!? ME!?
SU (SWF)
THIS OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK... TRY THIS ON.
DO YOU SEE ANYBODY ELSE?

KACHA
KACHA (CLINK)
BUT WHY?
SOWA
A-A CLOTHING STORE...?
SOWA (FIDGET)

HMMM. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT GLASSES-SAN IS THINKING ...!!
TA (TMP)
G-GIVE ME JUST A SECOND.
O-OKAY!!
JIRO (STARE)

H-HOW'S THIS...?
I-I CHANGED .....
YORE (SHAKE)

...SO I'M NOT EXACTLY COMFORT-ABLE IN THEM...
W-WELL, I DON'T USUALLY WEAR CLOTHES LIKE THIS...
.....
BWAH!?
BA
PARI (PUCHO
YOU'RE WEARING THEM WRONG.
PI (FLIP)
BA
SHU (SWISH)
BA
BA (FWIP)
BA
SFX: PETA (PAT) PETA
TH-THERE SHE GOES AGAIN! THINKING NOTHING OF TOUCHING ME!!
PETA
PETA
EEEEE!!
OH?
KII (CREAK)
LIKE THAT.
KYU (SNUG)
KICHI (SNUG)
BIGHI (SNSGHT)

OOOH!!
I-I LOOK LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A MAGAZINE.
I'M PRACTICALLY SOMEONE ELSE...!!
IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.
WE'RE LEAVING.
HUH...? U-UM—
WHAT IS IT?
I-I ONLY HAVE A LITTLE MONEY ON ME.
I CAN'T BUY THIS.....
THIS ISN'T A SHOP.
HUH?
IT'S MY HOUSE'S DRESSING ROOM.
THOSE CLOTHES ARE YOURS NOW.
D-DRESSING ROOM..!?
TH-THIS IS A ROOM—!?

KIKI (SQUEAL)
キキッ
WE'RE HERE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
GUOROO (VROOOOOM)
TH-THANKS ...
.. FOR THE GENEROUS GIFT. .
WE SURE ARE DEEP IN THE WOODS...
THIS SHOP'S SPECIALTY IS HERBS.
H-HERBS!? HOW FANCY.
SIT THERE AND WAIT A MOMENT, WILL YOU?
OKAY...
U-UM!!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE TO KNOW HER REPLY...
...TO MY REQUEST FOR HER TO FIGHT FOR NANGOKUREN ...!!
TH-THANKS ...
DON'T MIND IF I DO...
HERE'S SOME HERBAL TEA.
ENJOY.
KACHI (TICK)
KOCHI (TOCK)

HUH...!? REALLY? S-SORRY.
KACHA (CLINK)
HOLDING THE CUP WITH TWO HANDS...
SENDS THE MESSAGE THAT "THE TEA'S NOT HOT ENOUGH."
DON'T.
HUH?
I'LL JUST GUZZLE THIS AND GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT...
GU (GULP)
!!
GATA (CLATTER)
VERY WELL.
EEEEE!
WRONG.
UH.. WH-WHAT ABOUT ...?
THAT'S BAD TOO.
UH, THEN ..
GU
UH... O-OKAY!!
JUST DO AS I DO.

JUST TAKE YOUR TIME.
SA
SA (SWIP)
NO NEED TO PANIC.
KACHA (CLINK)
KACHA
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AHHHHHH-MMM...
O-OKAY.
FIRST, ENJOY THE SCENT
SUUU
KA (FLASH)
I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD FEEL SO RELAXED ...
WOOOW... WHAT'S THIS FEELING? I FEEL PEACEFUL AND FREE...
NEXT, TAKE A SIP.
KUPI (SIP)

I HAVEN'T FELT THIS RELAXED IN A WHILE.
HERBAL TEA'S REALLY SOMETHING.
R-RIGHT.. SO THAT'S WHY YOU BROUGHT ME HERE...
YOU MUST TAKE TIME TO CALM YOUR NERVES LIKE THIS.
YOU ALWAYS HAVE YOUR GUARD UP...
...AND YOU'RE OFTEN IN A PANIC...
THAT'S ON ACCOUNT OF ALL THE GIRLS AROUND...
HERBAL TEAS HAVE THE POWER ...
...TO EASE ANXIETY AND WORRY.
WOW... YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT.

?
SHIGU
IT MUST BE 'COS THE PEOPLE WORKING HERE BREWED IT.
MM-HM.
MM-HM.
THAT'S A SPECIALTY SHOP FOR YOU...
BUT THAT REALLY WAS TASTY.
I'M THE ONE...
...WHO BREWED IT...
TH-THANK YOU...
WOW!! I COULD DRINK THIS EVERY DAY!
I THOUGHT FOR SURE IT WAS DONE BY A PRO!!
HUH...!? R-REALLY!?
ISN'T THIS SCENARIO WHAT THE REST OF THE WORLD CALLS...
...HM? WAIT...
...SHE'S ACTUALLY GOT GREAT FASHION SENSE AND KNOWS A LOT ABOUT TEA...
GLASSES-SAN GAVE OFF THE IMAGE OF BEING COLD AND SCARY, BUT...

...A DATE !!?
DATE = DIE
RINTARO WILL BELIEVE EVERY-THING FROM THE MAGAZINES ...
AND DATES MEAN... HOLDING HANDS AT THE PARK, WATCHING THE NIGHT SKY, AND K-K-K-KISSING!?
HUH!?
WHAT SHALL WE DO NEXT, RINTARO?
BALD CAP
IS IT NOT ACTUALLY "DIE HARD" BUT "DIE DATE"!!?
WE NEED TO ESCAPE FROM HERE STAT.....!!
THE UNLUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD
RIN MCCLANE
?
HUH...? WHAT DID I COME HERE TO DO AGAIN?

...THIS IS REALLY BAD...
UH-OH...
...WOULD FIGHT WITH ME IN THREE DAYS, BUT...
WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THE REN-BLACK BATTLE TO RULE!!!
I CAME TO SEE IF SHE...
DATE!!
...D-D-D-D—
...THIS IS MORE LIKE A...
LET'S SEE...
SOME PLACE YOU'D NEVER GO ON A DATE.....
GOKU (GULP)
WH-WHERE WOULD THAT BE!? THINK, THINK, RINTARO!!
S-SOMEWHERE I WANT TO GO!?
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE YOU WANT NEXT.

HOW ABOUT A GRAVE-SITE?
GRAVE-SITE?
YEAH, LOOKING AT PEOPLE'S GRAVESTONES IS A HOBBY OF MINE.
THERE'S NO PLACE ELSE ON EARTH I'D RATHER GO TO THAN A GRAVESITE.
THAT'S A STRANGE HOBBY.....
GRAVESITES AREN'T CONDUCIVE TO DATES AT ALL.
IT'LL KILL THE MOOD FOR SURE.....!!
GU (CLENCH)
WHAT A GREAT CHOICE!!
VERY WELL. LET'S GO.
GATA (CLACK)
OKAY. THANKS!
WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING.....
GRAVE-SITES ARE QUIET.
THERE I CAN ASK HER IF SHE'LL FIGHT FOR ME...
BURORORO (VROOOOOM)

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NIGI (NOISY)
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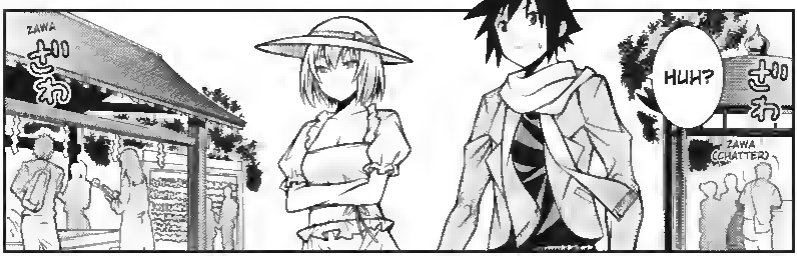
WAI (CHEER)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HUH?
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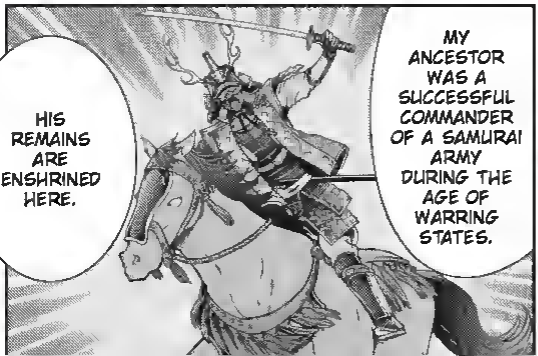
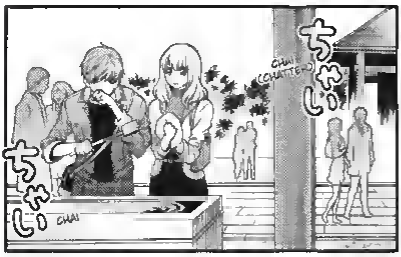
ZAWA (CHATTER)


HIS REMAINS ARE ENSHRINED HERE.
MY ANCESTOR WAS A SUCCESSFUL COMMANDER OF A SAMURAI ARMY DURING THE AGE OF WARRING STATES.

HERE.
TA (TMP)
UH... UM.. WHERE'S THE GRAVE?
HUH?

GENER-
ALS!?
NO
WAY!!
THAT APPLIES TO YOU TOO, RIGHT?
THERE'S BEEN A RECENT BOOM FOR WARRING-STATES GENERALS, SO THERE ARE MORE YOUNG TOURISTS NOW.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CHA!
ちゃら
CHA! (CHATTE~)

ちゃら
KYA!
ちゃら
KYA! (GYA!)

N-NOT GOOD... THIS PLACE HAS TURNED INTO A TOTAL DATE DESTINATION.....
AGH...

I-IF THIS KEEPS UP.....
M-MONEY OFFERING !?
SINCE WE'RE HERE, LET'S MAKE A MONEY OFFERING.

① OFFER MONEY.
PAN (CLAP)
パン
PAN
パン
② ASK EACH OTHER WHAT WE WISHED FOR.
WHAT DID YOU WISH FOR?
AWWW, IT'S A SECRET.
③ GET FLIRTY.
COME ON. TELL ME!
KYA (GIGGLE)
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KYA
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IT WON'T COME TRUE IF I TELL IT.
④ HOLD HANDS.
⑤ END WITH A KISS!!
WE CAN'T OFFER MONEY —!!
NO WAY!! NO HOW!!
RINTARO'S SO NERVOUS THAT ALL HIS LINES OF THOUGHT LEAD TO KISSING...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I'M AFRAID THIS THING'S GOING TO MORPH INTO A DATE...!!
NO... IT'S JUST...
IS THIS ABOUT RELIGION?
HAAH.
HAAH.
KUH ...
BUT WHERE TO GO .....?
S-SORRY ...
BUT YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO GO TO A GRAVESITE.
WH-WHY DON'T WE GO SOME-WHERE ELSE?
!!
IT'S BETTER TO NOT GO TO THE SHORE DURING WINTER.
AND THERE WAS NOBODY THERE.
IT SURE WAS CHILLY.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE HERBAL TEA...
WHAT?
BIKU (JUMP)
BIKU (JUMP)
THERE!!

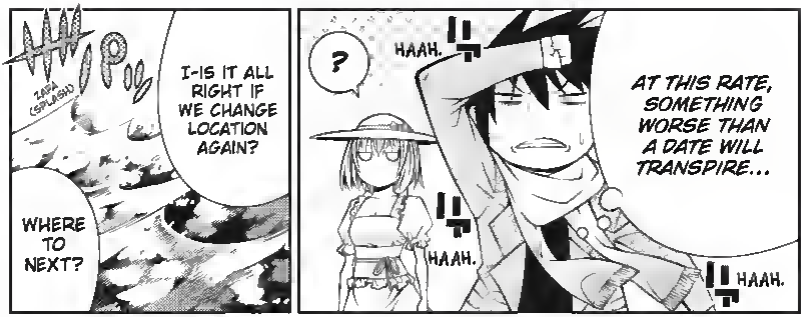
...
...
HYUOOO (WHOOSH)
ZAPRAAAN (SPLASH)
GOOOOD, GOOD, GOOD, GOOD. THIS IS IT!!
CRASHING WAVES, GUSTING WIND. IT'S THE FURTHEST YOU CAN GET FROM A DATE-LIKE ATMOSPHERE!!
...BECAUSE THERE'S SOME-THING I WANTED TO ASK YOU...
LISTEN, THE REASON I ACTUALLY CAME TO YOUR HOUSE TODAY WAS...
NOW TO GET TO THE POINT AND THEN GET HOME.
BUT THAT'S A GOOD THING!!
IT SURE IS...
IT'S SO COLD .. ..
EEK!
BUOOO (WHOOSH)

AH!!
!!
BUNA (FROM?)
I'LL GET IT.
BA (PANT)
HUP!
PASHA (CATCH)
ACK!!
PITA (FREEZE)
WAIT ...
...AT THIS RATE .....
PAN (STAND)

① GET THE HAT.
WAAAAH!
PACHI
PACHI
PACHI
PACHI (CLAP)
② OUR HANDS BRUSH AS I HAND IT BACK.
OH...
PITO (PAUSE)
③ WE BECOME AWARE OF EACH OTHER.
MOJI
MOJI
MOJI (FIDGET)
④ END UP HOLDING HANDS.
⑤ AND THEN KISS!!
ONCE AGAIN, RINTARO'S SO NERVOUS THAT HE'S ARRIVING AT A KISS...
PURU
PURU
PURU (TREMBLE)

!?
ZOOO-
OOOP!
PYUUUU (ZIP)
ピュー
BUON (WHOOSH)
ブォン
AND TO THROW IT SO FAR...
WHY DID YOU THROW IT AGAIN?
BUT YOU JUST CAUGHT IT.
?
HURRY!!
SU (SWF)
!!
GLASSES-SAN!
STICK YOUR HAND OUT IN FRONT OF YOU!
TA (TMF)
OH, GOOD. IT WORKED OUT.
A BOO-MERANG ?
TA
PASHA (CATCH)
パシ
!!
HYURURURU (TWIRL)
ひゅるるる

SYUOO (FWOOSH)
I SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED THE KISS!!
PHEW... THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.
GEH !!?
BUWA (FUT)
CLEAR MY MIND. KEEP IT UNDISTURBED.
UH-OH.
SFX: SU (BREATHE)
KA (FLASH)
WAY OF THE DRAGON BALL— LAST PICCOLO
YOU'RE BLOCKING THE WIND FOR ME?
SHUUUUUU (FWOOSH)


ZAPA (SPLASH)
I-IS IT ALL RIGHT IF WE CHANGE LOCATION AGAIN?
WHERE TO NEXT?
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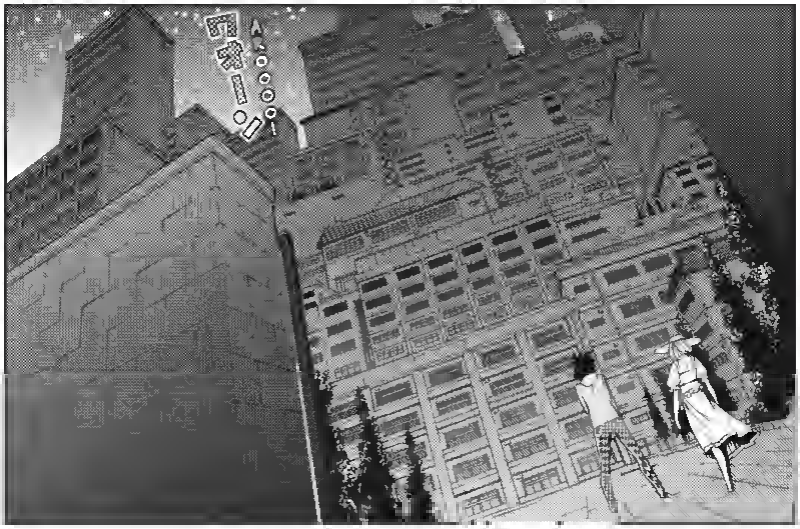
HAAH.
HAAH.
AT THIS RATE, SOMETHING WORSE THAN A DATE WILL TRANSPIRE...
HAAH.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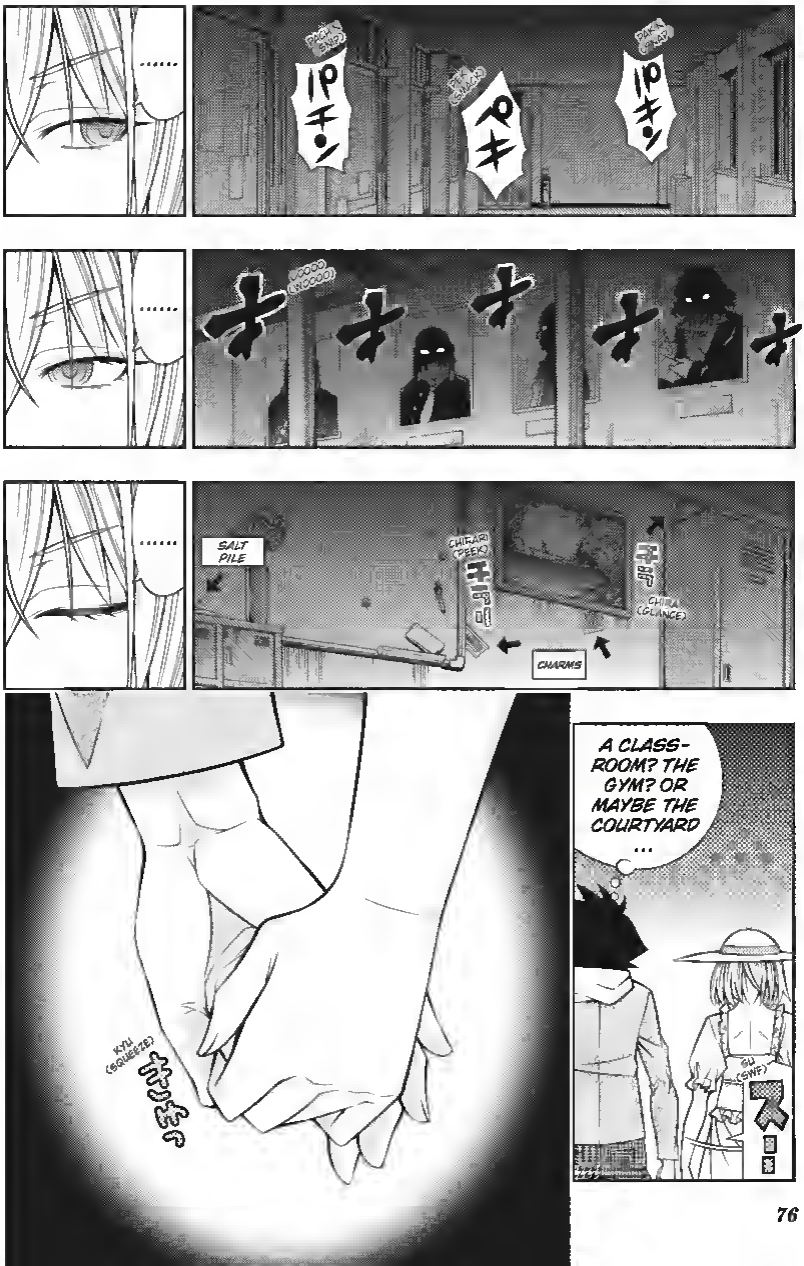
AND BEING SOMEWHERE FAMILIAR CALMS ME.
...
I HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF IT, BUT..
...THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO DATE-LIKE ATMOSPHERE AT NANGOKUREN.

I SEE... THEN I'LL WAIT HERE.
GO AND FETCH IT.
HUH!?
WELL, I JUST REMEMBERED I FORGOT SOMETHING HERE.
WHY NAN-GOKUREN?
THAT'S A GOOD ENOUGH EXCUSE ...
UH...BUT I CAN'T CARRY IT WITHOUT ANOTHER PERSON.
THEN LET'S GO.
OH. O-OKAY.
SUTA (STEP)
NEXT, WE'LL GO SOMEWHERE WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME TALKING.
HMMMM... WHAT'S A GOOD PLACE...?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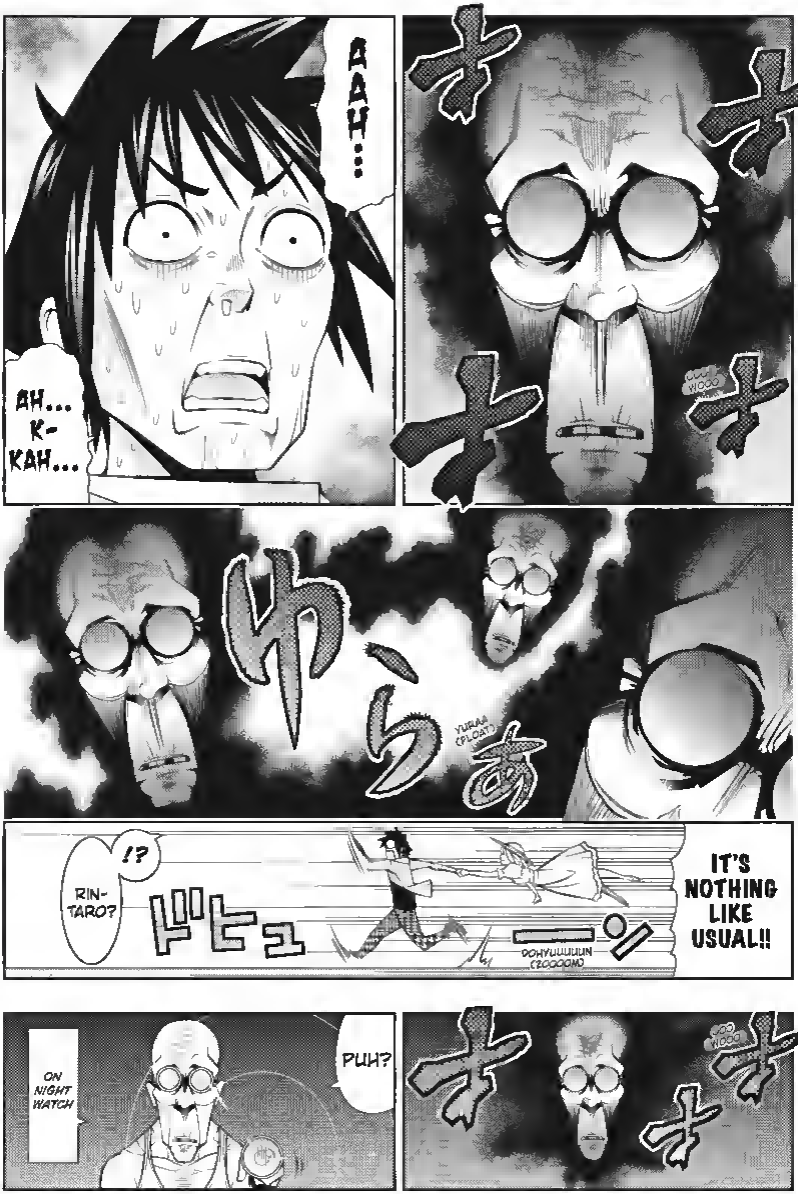
PAKIN (SNAP)
PIKI (SNAP)
PAKIN (SNAP)
.....
GOOOO (HOOOO)
.....
SALT PILE
CHIRARI (PEEK)
CHIRA (GLANCE)
CHARMS
A CLASS-ROOM? THE GYM? OR MAYBE THE COURTYARD ...
GU (SWF)
KYU (SQUEEZE)

HUH ...?
WHY'D YOU SUDDENLY GR-GR-GRAB MY H-H-H-HAND...!?
WH-WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER, GLASSES-SAN...!?
GATA!
GATA
GATA (TREMBLE)
WHA-AAA-AAA—!?
...BUT A YES WE KISS!!
!!
IT'S NOT ABOUT OBAMA'S "YES WE CAN" CAMPAIGN...
GHO-GHO—
COULD YOU BE...
"GHO" ...?
KATA
KATA (QUIVER)

...AFRAID OF GHOSTS?
おまもり
I-I AM NOT AFRAID OF GHOSTS!!
I JUST DON'T LIKE THE DARK!!
O-OH.
SO EVEN GLASSES-SAN IS AFRAID OF SOME-THING...
EVEN THOUGH USUALLY I'M AFRAID OF HER...
!!
JUST LOOK AROUND ...
SO HURRY UP AND LET GO OF MY HAND...
D-DON'T WORRY. EVEN IF IT'S DARK, IT'S STILL JUST THE SAME OLD SCHOOL.


AAH...
AH... K-KAH...
WOOO
YURARA (FLOAT)
RIN-TARO?
!?
DOHYUUUUUN (ZOOOOM)
IT'S NOTHING LIKE USUAL!!
ON NIGHT WATCH
PUH?
WOOO

I-I THINK WE'RE ALL RIGHT NOW...
I CAN'T BELIEVE A REAL GHOST APPEARED...
HAAH.
HAAH.
RINTARO ...
Y-YEAH ?
IT'S OKAY NOW.
GYUUU (SQUEEZE)
OH... RIGHT!!
S-SORRY !!
EVEN THOUGH I TRIED SO HARD TO AVOID HOLDING HER HAND, I ENDED UP THE ONE HOLDING ONTO IT FOR DEAR LIFE...
AT THIS RATE, WILL IT BE THE KISS OF DEATH FOR ME—!?
.....

SHE'S GOT A REAL SEVERE LOOK ON HER FACE...
UH...
...
L-LISTEN...
KURU (TURN)
A-ANYWAY, I BETTER JUST GET TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND ...!!
IT'S NOT THAT...
O-OR WAS MY HAND SWEATY ...?
UH, I-I'M SORRY. DID I SQUEEZE YOUR HAND TOO HARD?
I HELD A PERSON'S HAND...
...FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HERS...
AH, YES ...
.....
WHO?
!!

HUH? SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK ME?
WHAT ...?
THIS IS AS GOOD AN OPPORTUNITY AS ANY...
...TO ASK YOU SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO...
I WANT YOU...
AA-AAH! WHAT DO I DO!?
ONCE AGAIN, SEE PREVIOUS ETC ETC
H-HOLD ON A SECOND...!? IF SHE CONFESSES HER FEELINGS FOR ME, A KISS WON'T BE THE ONLY THING AWAITING ME!!
C-COULD IT BE A-A LOVE CONFESSION!?
YOU'RE PERFECTLY SUITED TO HELP ME CARRY OUT MY GOALS.....
...TO BECOME MY RIGHT-HAND MAN.
UH... AND WHAT ARE THOSE ...?
R-RIGHT-HAND MAN?
HUH ...?

YOU KNOW ABOUT MY SISTER, RIGHT?
Y-YEAH. REN-SAN.
EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE...
...WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER.
THERE. ALL DONE!
REN, 9 YEARS OLD
IT'S A BRAVE BOARD FOR TWO!!
WAAAAAAAH!
RINO, 7 YEARS OLD
WE USED TO PLAY IN THE UNDER-GROUND STORAGE ROOM...
...THAT WE WERE ALWAYS BEING TOLD NOT TO GO IN.
IT CAN OPEN UP RIGHT HERE.
AND WHAT DO YOU PUT IN IT?
ゴゴゴ
THAT DAY, THERE WAS A TERRIBLE STORM.

!!?
A BLACK-OUT...?
ONEE-CHAN .....!?
...SO WE WERE TRAPPED DOWN THERE IN THE DARK.....
WHEN THE POWER WENT OUT, YOU COULDN'T OPEN IT...
THE DOOR TO THE UNDER-GROUND STORAGE ROOM WAS ACCESSIBLE WITH A DIGITAL KEYPAD.
SNIFF ...
HIC...
WAH...

.....
I'M SCARED OF GHOSTS...
SNIFF...
SNIFF.
RINO... YOU OKAY?
O-OKAY.
SU (SWP)
COME ON, HURRY.
HUH?
RINO!! HOLD MY HAND.
GYU (CLASP)
NOW YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF ANY GHOSTS, RIGHT?
YEAH...!!
WHEN YOU HOLD HANDS...
...IT'S PROOF THAT SOMEONE'S RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE.

I'LL ALWAYS ...
...BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU, RINO.
YEAH!!
THE NEXT MORNING, WE WERE RESCUED WITHOUT ISSUE.
I SPENT THE NIGHT HOLDING MY SISTER'S HAND LIKE THAT.
BACK THEN, I THOUGHT
...I WOULD ALWAYS BE WITH MY BIG SISTER.....
BUT IN THE END, YOU NEVER GOT OVER YOUR FEAR OF GHOSTS.
IS THAT SO BAD?
N-NOT AT ALL!
SFX: JIRO (GLARE)

...AND MY SISTER GOT INTO NANGOKU-REN.
THE DAYS AND MONTHS PASSED...
DAY BY DAY, THE LOOK IN MY SISTER'S EYES GREW MORE AND MORE STERN.....
...I DECIDED THAT I, TOO, WOULD GO TO NANGOKUREN .....
SEEING HER LIKE THAT...
BUT THE NEXT MORNING, SHE WOULD LEAVE THE HOUSE WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE.
BUT—

DON'T COME TO NANGOKU-REN.
I WENT TO THE SCHOOL TO SEE FOR MY-SELF...
...WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO MY SISTER.
AND THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED.

NANGOKUREN IS A WORLD WHERE POWER MEANS EVERYTHING AND THE STRONG PREY ON THE WEAK.
MY SISTER HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY FIGHTING.
SHE WAS OBSESSED WITH "POWER."
AND SO...
...I MADE UP MY MIND.
INAHAMI FAMILY BOOK ON SWORDSMANSHIP

ZAAAA (SSSSHH)
KA (FLASH)
KOOOO (WOOOO)
BIRI (ZZZTT)
BIRI
BIRI
KUH...
BIRI
BIRI
HUH (STRUGGLE)
DO (THWAO)
DO
DO
DO

SFX: HIRA (FLIP)

DAY AFTER DAY, I COMMITTED MYSELF TO MY TRAINING.
GAKUN (LURCH)
ぐぐっ!
GU (STRAIN)
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GU
HAAH
HAAH
WHEN MY DOMINANT HAND COULDN'T WORK ANYMORE, I'D RESORT TO MY OTHER...
GASHII (GRAB)
I REPEATED THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY...
GOGO (RUSH)
AND WHEN THAT ONE WOULD GIVE OUT ON ME, I'D GO BACK TO MY DOMINANT HAND...

I NEVER GAVE MYSELF A BREAK...
SO HER DOUBLE SWORD TECH-NIQUE...
...IS THE RESULT OF HER STRICT DISCIPLINE ...
AND ADD TO THAT...
...HER STRENGTH OF WILL... SHE'S AMAZING!!
SHE'S ALREADY TRIED?
EVEN ON THE DAY I GOT INTO NANGOKUREN, I CONTINUED THAT TRAINING.
ZAWA (SSSHHH)
SU (BREATHE)

DISHU (SWISH)
KA (CLACK)
AND THEN I DECIDED.
SUPAPAPA (ZFF-ZFF-ZFF-ZFF)
I WOULD OBTAIN THE "POWER" MY SISTER WAS SO ENTRANCED BY...!!
ZA (SHU)
ALL OF IT...

...WAS SO I COULD GET BACK...
...MY BOND WITH MY SISTER .....!!
A LONG TIME AGO, MELL-SAN TOLD ME...
AND WHAT SHOWS IN HER EYES NOW IS "POWER."
...YOU ONLY HAVE YOUR EYES SET ON "POWER" FOR THE DOMINATION OF NANGOKUREN...
...
BUT THE TRUTH IS IT'S FOR REN-SAN AND —
NO.
HUH?
WHAT I HAVE MY EYES SET ON...

...IS FAR...
...HIGHER...!!
!?
HUH...?
AS I ADVANCE MY STANDING...
...MY SISTER CAN'T TAKE HER EYES OFF ME, WHETHER SHE LIKES IT OR NOT.
THAT'S WHY...
...I NEED YOUR STRENGTH...!!
SO IN A WAY YOU'RE NOT WRONG WHEN YOU SAY I ONLY HAVE MY EYES SET ON "POWER."
HEH HEH...
OF COURSE, I'LL DO SOMETHING FOR YOU TOO.
THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES...WAS IT?
Y-YEAH.

THIS WILL ALSO SERVE AS A GOOD CHANCE ...
...TO LEARN ABOUT POWERS OUTSIDE OF NANGOKUREN —
I WILL HUNT DOWN...
...EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM.....

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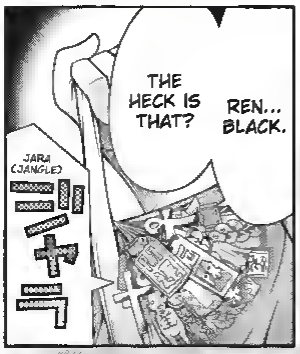
AH... BUT IF YOU HUNT THEM ALL DOWN...
...THAT MEANS YOU'LL TAKE MY PLACE IN THE FIGHT TOO!
I THINK YOU SHOULD AIM FOR HIGHER HEIGHTS AS WELL.


THE HECK IS THAT?
REN... BLACK.
JARA (JANGLE)

THE REN-BLACK BATTLE TO RULE
SITE - 10TH ATHLETIC FIELD

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SITE - 10TH ATHLETIC FIELD
THIS PLACE IS AS CONFUSING ...
...AS EVER.
CRSH!

The Lucky Lecher moment has arrived !!
Yahoo !!
S-SO CLOSE ..!!
HIKARI (LIFT)
EEK!
OH NO!

HMPH!
RYUOO (FWOOSH)
THIS WIND...

YACK!!
GHUDOON GUDOOOHO
THE HECK IS THIS ...?
GHHSSS HHHH
LAVA !?
DORO (MELT)
DORO
WAIT... WHAT IS THAT?
THAT VOLCANO'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ACTIVE...
AND IT ONLY BLEW OUT ONE CHUNK...
AN ERUPTION —!!? OH MY GOD —!!
G-GO-GHH ...
WHY CAN'T I EVER HAVE A LUCKY LECHER MOMENT!!?
DAMN IT!!
HAH...
HAH...

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE JUST NOW...?
I WONDER...
ANYWAY, THANKS, IORI...
...FOR JOINING ME ON MY WARM-UP.
NO PROB-LEM.
AFTER ALL, YOU'LL BE FACING OFF AGAINST THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES ALL ON YOUR OWN...
IT'S THE LEAST I COULD DO.
TA (CHIP)
TA
I CANNOT LET THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES...
...TAKE NANGOKUREN.
NO MATTER WHAT, I WILL WIN...
...TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS...!!
AYANE-CHAN...
...JUST DON'T OVERDO IT.
!!
IS THIS... FRIENDSHIP?

HOW SILLY...
!?
PITARI (FREEZE)
KIIN (CREAK)
MISHI (CRACK)
ALL ON ONE FINGER ...
ONCE YOU BECOME STRONG, YOU'LL HAVE NO NEED FOR FRIENDS...
FOR YOU TO NOT EVEN KNOW THAT IS.....

...LEADS TO STRENGTH.
THE FEELING OF WANTING TO PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS...
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT.
...
...THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET STRONGER !!
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE FRIENDS...
...IS BORN FROM DESPAIR AND SOLITUDE.
TRUE STRENGTH ...
ZA (CRSH)
RIDICULOUS.
HYU (SWISH)
HUH ...?
BA (WHOO)
AYANE-CHAN, YOUR CLOTHES...!!
SH-SHE'S FAST...

!!
SHA (SLICE)
JACKET NANGOKUREN
HUH?
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
WHOA... I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE...
JIRI (SCUFF)
...FROM A WEAKLING ...
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE GAINED...

RESERVED FOR
KINTARO
TACHIBANA-SAMA
IT'LL BE STARTING SOON...
I'VE COME TOO FAR TO RUN AWAY NOW.....
...AND GLASSES-SAN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE FIGHT FOR ME TOO.
THE LEAST I CAN DO IS NOT LOSE...!!
THIS IS THE NEW UNIFORM...
...MY DAD GAVE ME OVER THE SUMMER.....
SUSA (PNAP)
IT'S A MARTIAL ARTS UNIFORM UNIQUE TO THE TACHIBANA FAMILY.
IT HAS THE SYMBOL FOR "TACHI" ON THE BACK!!
THANKS, DAD.
I FEEL PUMPED!!
GYU (TUG)
KON (KNOCK)
KON
COME IN.

RAAN (SHOUTING)
RIN-CHAN, LONG TIME NO SEEEEE!!
MELL-SAN!!
REN-SAN!!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE HAVING SOME FUN TODAY.
A LITTLE BIRD TOLD US.
SO I CALLED MELL OVER FROM THE STATES.
SH-SHOULD'VE KNOWN...
MORE LIKE A LITTLE VUL-TURE...
RIN-CHAN, YOUR UNIFORM'S SO COOL!!
OH... IT'S NEW.
REN, ARE YOU FALLING IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN?
SH-SHUT UP!
HM...? RIN-CHAN.
CHIHA (GLANCE)
YEAH?

HOW DO YOU READ THAT?
!!
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KAAI (BLUSHING)
UH... AH!!
D-DAD...!!
HE GOT THE WRONG SYMBOL FOR "TACHI" !!
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HUH? WHY'S YOUR FACE ALL RED, REN?
EEEEEK! I WONDER IF I CAN TAKE THIS OFF!?
D-DON'T ASK.
!!
AWW... IT LOOKS SEWN ON.

THERE, THERE. I'LL TAKE IT OFF FOR YOU.
HUH?
GASHI (GRAB)
WAH!
I CAN DO IT FOR YOU.
I HELPED ERIN WITH HER COSPLAY, SO I'M GOOD AT SEWING!!
GU (PULL)

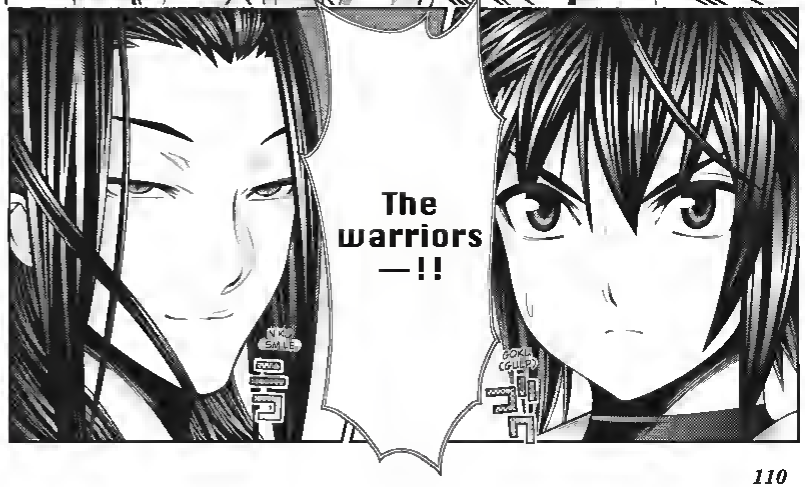
NO, I'LL DO IT!
EH!
TOO CLOSE!
I SAID I'D DO IT.
KEEP IT UNDISTURBED.
KURUN (TWIST)
!!
!!
CLEAR MY MIND.
WAY OF THE SECOND STREET FIGHT
BLANKA
WAAH!
KUH.
RINTARO, YOU FIEND...
PIYO
PIYO (TWEET)
WAAAIT! RIN-CHAAAAN!
FURA
FURA (TEETER)
SORRY. MY MATCH IS STARTING SOON.

THE REN-BLACK BATTLE TO RULE
... between Nangoku-ren and the Black Mist and Dark Skies!
Now, at long last! It's time for the life or death battle...
WA
AA
A
AH!
The Ren-Black Battle to Rule...
...is about to begin —!!
I'll be your host.
The homeroom teacher of Class 1-H, Okina!
YEP.
COMMENTATORS
And these are the guys...
... fighting the good fight.

-SAN (HAN)

ZA (TSH)

...of adoles-cence!
...and the sweat flying off their bodies...
...are all the physical manifes-tations...
The flesh and bones of these young men and women who will be clashing ...


The warriors —!!
NK (SMILE)
GOKU (GULP)

My body's burning up so much, I can't take it!
HAAH!
HAAH!
HO HO.
RINTARO-KUN.
!!
REMOVED IT
SENSEI...
URGH...
Hurry! Faster!!
THE TRUTH IS...
...THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT EVEN MORE THAN NANGOKUREN.
AND WHAT IF I DO? HEH HEH...
YOU MEAN ME?
UH...
AND THAT'S YOU, RINTARO-KUN.
I WANT TO GET A GOOD TASTE OF YOU...!!

...NATURALLY YOU'LL BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR CLAN...
WHEN NANGOKUREN BECOMES THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES...
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS ...
...YOU'LL BE MINE...
!!
SAIZO-SAN.
THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
.....
IT'S FOR THE STUDENTS!!
THIS PLACE DOESN'T BELONG TO ANYBODY.
...NANGOKUREN WILL BE THE SAME NANGOKUREN IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.
BECAUSE TOMORROW ...

TODAY I WILL FIGHT YOU...
...WITH ALL MY MIGHT.
HEH HEH... I LIKE THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES.
KURU CTURN
LET'S FIGHT TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT TODAY...
... RINTARO-KUN.
...the first round will begin!!
All right. And now at last...

SHAARGH!
I'LL TAKE ROUND ONE. I'LL BUST THROUGH ANY IRON OR STEEL.
FORGED OF IRON RENA WILL BATTLE—
I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANY LONGER!!
UH... NOMINEES...!?
HEY!! YOU DIDN'T PICK NOMINEES!?
WHO'S GOING TO FIGHT?
AH... UH...
FINE BY ME!!
COME OUT HERE!!
!!
YOU WITH THE FLASHY GETUP!

I HATE GIRLS WHO SMILE LIKE THEY'RE SO CONFIDENT.
IT MAKES ME WANT TO PUMMEL THEIR FACES IN!!
HOW FUNNY.
I FEEL THE SAME WAY!!
KA (CLACK)
Round one...
...will be Nanokuren's Dragon of Gleaming Might, Kyoka!!
VS.
The Black Mist and Dark Skies' Forged of Iron, Rena!!
GACHIN (CLANG)
ZUN (STOMP)

Begin!!
And with that—
HEY, BEFORE WE BEGIN...
...WHAT'RE THE RULES?
CAN I JUST BEAT HER UP UNTIL SHE CAN'T MOVE?
HUH? THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION...
SAIZO, WHAT'S THE PLAN?
THE FIGHTERS CAN DO AS THEY LIKE.
AS WE LIKE... EH?
ALL RIGHT, THEN!!
HEY!!
CAN I ASK SOME-THING?
SURE. WHAT?
YOU KNOW THE STORY ABOUT THE STRONGEST PIKE AND THE STRONGEST SHIELD?
THAT'S WHERE WE GET THE CHARACTER FOR "CONTRA-DICTION" FROM, RIGHT?

SO THEN...
...WHEN THE STRONGEST PIKE AND STRONGEST SHIELD CLASH...
...WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENS ?
HA!
YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO HAVE A GOOD TIME!
HMPH!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT AND SEE...!!
THEN, ONE HIT...!!
WE'LL DECIDE THE VICTOR OF THE MATCH WITH ONE HIT.
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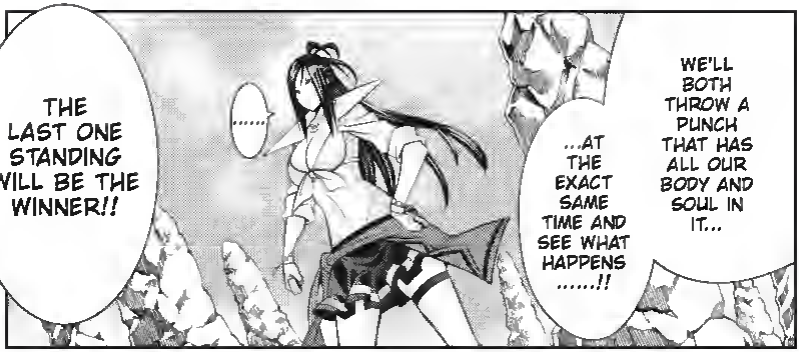
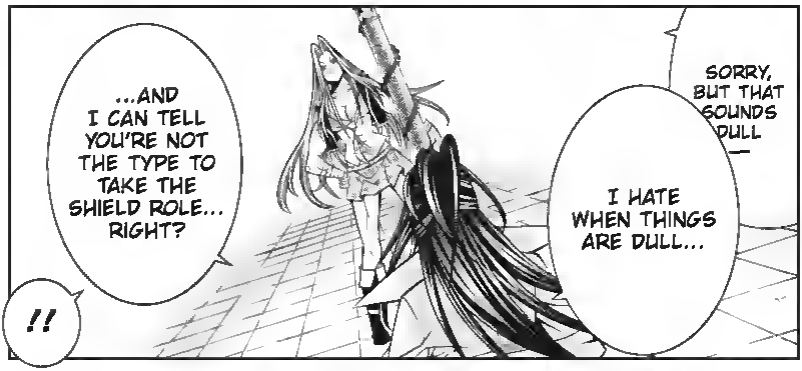
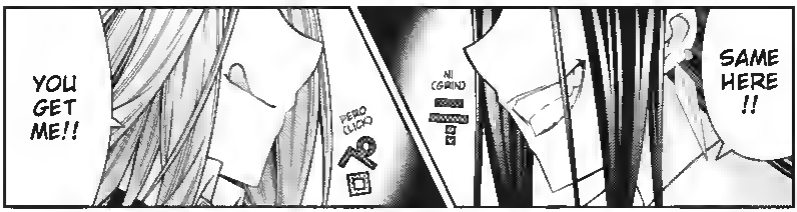
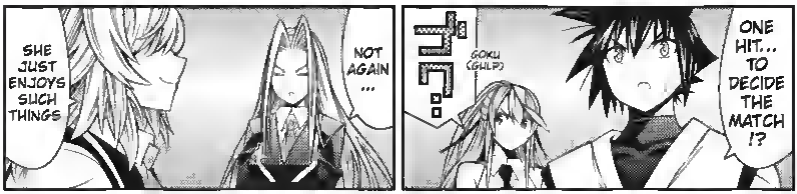

THE LAST ONE STANDING WILL BE THE WINNER!!
.....
...AT THE EXACT SAME TIME AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS .....!!
WE'LL BOTH THROW A PUNCH THAT HAS ALL OUR BODY AND SOUL IN IT...


...AND I CAN TELL YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO TAKE THE SHIELD ROLE... RIGHT?
!!
I HATE WHEN THINGS ARE DULL...
SORRY, BUT THAT SOUNDS DULL


YOU GET ME!!
PERO (LICK)
NI (GRIND)
SAME HERE !!


SHE JUST ENJOYS SUCH THINGS
NOT AGAIN ...
GOKU (GULP)
ONE HIT... TO DECIDE THE MATCH !?

Looks like they hit it off right away.
What a stipulation! A one-hit duel —!!?
GASHI (CLANG)
GYU (GRAB)
GASHI (CLANG)
HOW ABOUT YOURS !!?
DON'T BLAME ME FOR ANY CASUALTY.

ZUKA CRUNCH
MIGHI CRUNCH
MIGHI CRUNCH
GUH...
GRRR...
GUN CLUNCH
GAH...
GUH...

DOSHU (SWING)
GUGO (WHOOSH)
KA (FLASH)

URAAAAAH!
GAAAAAAAH!
STAR CRUSHER
GLEAMING DRAGON MIGHTY FIST—
GO
CHWOOSH

DOGA (CRASH)
Wh- what an incredible clash!
GUUU (HNNNN)
KUH ...
BOGOO (CRAAASH)
The stones collapsed from the sheer impact!?
MERIKI (CRUNCH)
MERIKI (CRUNCH)
Every- one, watch out!

ZUN (BOOOM)
BUMMM (SWAAAAAM)
DO (THUD)
ZUN (BOOOM)
What's become of them —!?
(BOOOM)
(BOOOM)
(WHOOSH)
(WHOOSH)

HFF!
HFF!
Th-they're unscathed!! Neither of them have a scratch!!
HAAH.
HAAH.
But it appears they've both used up a lot of their energy!!
ZA
ZA (ZSH)
HUFF!
HUFF!
HAAH.
HAAH.
BURU
BURU (TREMBL)
GATA
GATA (SHIVER)

B-both of their weapons have been smashed to pieces!?
BAKI (CRUNCH)
GUDOO (CRUNCH)
APA
PARA (FLAKE)
HYUOOO (WOOO)
SFX GOKURI (GULP)
What will become of this one-hit fight!?
But the match is still going—!?
Their weapons have been reduced to rubble.
HA!
HMPH!

I LOSE...
GAKUN (KNEEL)
What a shock! They're both down!
It's a double K.O. —!!
SO THERE ARE STRONG PEOPLE OUT THERE...
DO (THUMP)
WAAAAAH!
Round one is a tie —!!
I'M STUFFED.
THEY'RE NOT TO BE UNDER-ESTIMATED ...!!
THE MASTER'S IN A PANIC...
HUHHH?
THERE GOES MY PLAN OF HAVING THE THREE OTHERS ON OUR TEAM WIN TO END THIS MATCH BEFORE MY TURN!!
N-NO WAY... I THOUGHT WE HAD KYOKA-SAN'S WIN IN THE BAG...
KUH ...

It's the Ren-Black Battle to Rule.
What a wild ride of a first round!!
A double K.O. means ...
... neither team has a victory!!
KYOKA-CHAN! ARE YOU OKAY!?
SOMEBODY GIVE RENA A SHOULDER.
SO SHE'S YOUR EQUAL...
MUST MEAN SHE'S PRETTY SKILLED...
SFX: ZAWA (MURMUR)
ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME KYOKA'S TIED IN A FIGHT?
THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES ARE WICKED STRONG...
KYOKA-SAN.
SORRY, I STUFFED MYSELF.
THAT WAS QUITE A FEAST.
A TIE, HUH...
I DON'T GET THAT EVERY DAY...
THAT'S RARE.
I'M TIRED BEDTIME !!
SFX: GOKU (GULP)

...let's continue on to the second round!!
Now that we've cleared all the rubble off the arena...
I'LL GO.
TH-THANK YOU!!
GLASSES-SAN!!
SU (STEP)
HUH?
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, RINTARO.
ONCE I'VE HUNTED ALL OF THESE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES GUYS DOWN...
...YOU'LL BE MINE.
WHAT'S THIS WEIRD FEELING ...?
I WANT HER TO WIN BUT AT THE SAME TIME I DON'T...
BECOME MY RIGHT-HAND MAN.
AH!!
HUH..?

!!
WAIT, ISAMI.
I'LL TAKE HER ON.
.....WHY?
YOU'LL GO AGAINST AYANE.
KIRIKO WILL FIGHT NEXT.
ZA (CRUNCH)
PUN-ISHED ...?
AND I WANT YOU TO CARRY THAT OUT FOR ME.
SHE NEEDS TO BE PUNISHED.
AYANE BETRAYED THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES.
SU (STEP)
DON'T COME CRYING TO ME WHEN THIS DOESN'T TURN OUT WELL.
THEN I'LL PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND MATCH.
HEH HEH... I'M NOT WORRIED.
SU (STEP)
YUKA (SMUCK)

I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT. GO EASY ON ME...
WHO MY OPPONENT IS DOESN'T MATTER.
SHA (CRSH)
Round two will be...
...Nan-gokuren's Dragon of Storming Jade, Rino!!
PEKO (BOW)
VS.
PYUN (SWIP)
The Black Mist and Dark Skies' Vanishing Mist, Kiriko!!

Begin!!
FUOOOO (WOOOO)
KOOOO (WOOSH)
.....
JI (GRIME)
NI (GRIND)
HUH ...
TYPICAL.
!!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
IF YOU DON'T INTEND TO FIGHT, THEN DON'T PARTICIPATE.
I FEEL NO BLOOD-LUST COMING FROM YOU...
ARE YOU TRYING TO MEASURE MY STRENGTH OR SOMETHING?
HOW TERRIBLY RUDE OF ME.
TO REMEDY MY IMPUDENCE...
...ALLOW ME TO COME AT YOU FULL FORCE FROM THE START.

GOKI (SNAP)
MEKI
BIKI (CREAK)
MEKI (CRACK)
BIKIKI
FUUU (EXHALE)
SUUU (INHALE)
KA (FLASH)
TO
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前
ZEN
DOSHU (THRUST)
THAT'S... THE MOVE EMA-SAN USED TO GET STRONGER !!
SHE'S HITTING HERSELF ...
JUN (THOMP)
ZOWA (FRESH)
メキ
MEKI
ビキ
BIKI

SHADOO (SHADO)
GRRRR...
GAIN (SCRAPE)
GAIN
GAIN
SFX
DARA (DRIBBLE)
HFF...
AROOOOO!
WH-WHAT THE HELL ...!?

...has unleashed her wild side—!!
Wh-what's happened!? Kiriko...
!!
GYAAAAA!
!?

GYAGO (SLASH)
TH-THAT'S... THE CHINESE MARTIAL ART OF TIGER FIST!?
!!
NI (SMILE)
SAKI (SNAP)
GU (THUCK)

DOGYUG (WHOOSH)
!!
BAKI (SNAP)
I THOUGHT THAT WAS ONLY AN OTOKO-JUKU MOVE...
NOW IT'S BIRDMAN FIST!?
KUH ...
SHUUUU (SSSHHH)
SABKI (CLASH)
!?

YUURI (FLIP)
SNAKE FIST!?
NO...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT THAT'S...
The Dragon of Storming Jade has been smashed into the earth!!
DOGO (SMASH)
GUOOO (WHOOSH)
it's Kiriko's over-whelming power —!
Wait... Sh- she's gone!!
SHUUU (SSSHH)

She dodged it by a hair. But what will the Dragon of Storming Jade do now?
GRR...
HAH...
HAH...
THIS FEELING ...
THIS TECH-NIQUE...
THESE MOVES...
I'M FAMILIAR WITH THEM...
I SEE THEM ALL THE TIME.

RINTARO?
THE DRAGON OF STORMING JADE'S OPPONENT...
...IS THE MASTER!?
YES...
KIRIKO-SAN'S MOVES ARE JUST LIKE—
HEH-HEH... LOOKS LIKE RINTARO'S...
...CAUGHT ON.
YES...
TECHNIQUES THAT PROJECT ONTO YOURSELF...
...THE MOVES OF ALL OF THE EARTH'S LIVING CREATURES—

...THE BLUE MOON REFLECTED ON A LAKE.
THE SCHOOL OF...
FOUNDING MARTIAL ARTS
SCHOOL OF THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES
SCHOOL OF THE BLUE MOON REFLECTED ON A LAKE
...IS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE SA... FOUNDI... MARTIAL... AS THE S... OF THE... MOON RE... ON A L...
...CAME FROM THE SAME ANCESTRAL STYLE, AND MERELY SPLIT OFF LATER DOWN THE LINE.....
HE SAID THAT THE BLUE MOON REFLECTED ON A LAKE AND THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES...
WH-WHY WOULD THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES..
...KNOW ABOUT THE BLUE MOON RE-FLECTED ON A LAKE ... ..!?
MY FATHER ONCE TOLD ME SOME-THING.
THE REASON YOU WERE ABLE TO USE THE MOVES FROM BLUE MOON REFLECTED ON A LAKE...
!!
...WAS BECAUSE YOU HAD GOTTEN YOUR FOUNDATION WITH THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES...
...WHICH MEANS...

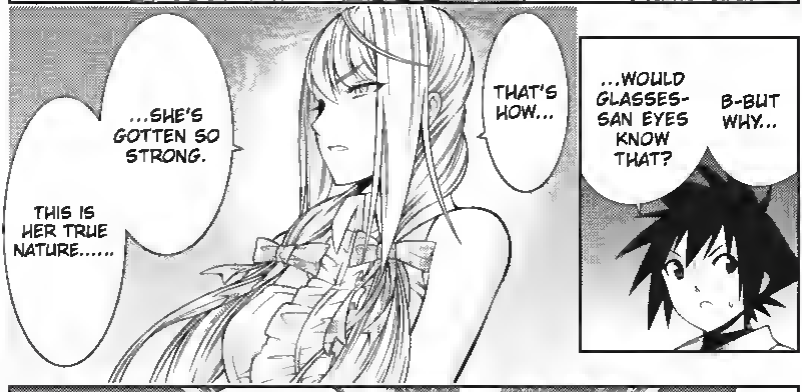
...IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE...
...THAT KIRIKO-SAN CAN USE IT TOO.....!!
BY FORCING HER BODY...
...TO STRENGTHEN UP...
...SHE CAN ADOPT ANY AND ALL FORMS OF MARTIAL ARTS...
...AND MASTER THEM.
BY INTE-GRATING RINTARO-KUN'S "POWER"...
...WITH THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES "POWER"...
...SHE IS AN EVEN MORE INTENSE CREATURE.
KIRIKO, AS SHE IS NOW...
...IS THE VERY EPITOME OF "POWER" ...!!

SFX: UNYO (FIDGET) UNYO
PROBABLY HOW YOU SUDDENLY ADOPT THESE STRANGE GESTURES...
LIKE RIGHT NOW.
HUH!?
AYANE-SAN, WHAT ARE MY SHORT-COMINGS?
I MEAN, I WANT TO BUT I DON'T KNOW MY OWN WEAK-NESSES!!
... THEN I SHOULD OFFER SOME KIND OF ADVICE.
SO IF GLASSES-SAN IS TAKING ON "ME" .....
THAT'S ACTUALLY VERY CONVE-NIENT.
EE!
SO (SNEAK)
YEAH, MOST CONVENIENT!!
TOO CLOSE!
AND WHERE'D YOU COME FROM!?
SUU (SNEAK)
WH- WHAT IS, EXACTLY?
UH... WHEN YOU SAY CON-VENIENT...
HEH HEH... JUST WATCH.
YEAH. IT'LL WORK OUT FINE.
?
GRRAH!
HA (WHIP)

HUH? WAIT .....
DOKU (SWISH)
DOU (WHOOSH)
!!
GLASSES-SAN IS PREDICTING HER ATTACKS .....!
HUH?
...IS OBSESSED WITH YOU, RIN-CHAN.
... RIGHT NOW RINO ...
B-BUT HOW...!?
THAT'S 'COS...

RIN-CHAN.
YOU LET RINO TOUCH YOU LIKE IT WAS NO BIG DEAL, REMEMBER?
Y-YEAH.
EVEN I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY...
AND IT'S ONLY SOME-TIMES.

ITS POSSIBLE SHE'S FIGURED OUT...
...THE MOMENTS WHEN YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
OHH...
NOW THAT SHE MENTIONS IT...
...THAT'S PROBABLY WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN HAVING MANY LUCKY LECHER MOMENTS...


B-BUT WHY...
...WOULD GLASSES-SAN EYES KNOW THAT?
THAT'S HOW...
...SHE'S GOTTEN SO STRONG.
THIS IS HER TRUE NATURE.....

TRUE NATURE...
YOU MEAN HOW SHE'S AMBIDEX-TROUS?
BEING AMBIDEXTROUS IS JUST THE ICING ON TOP OF THE CAKE!
THE SOURCE BEHIND RINO'S STRENGTH...

...IS HER "HYPER-DEPEN-DENCE."
HYPER...
...DEPEN-DENCE?
RINO RELIES VERY STRONGLY ON THOSE TOWARD WHOM SHE HAS AN AFFINITY.
SHE MAKES THEM THE SUBJECT OF HER RESEARCH ...
...UNTIL SHE MAKES THEIR POWER HER OWN.
SINCE SHE LIKED REN...
...SHE'D ALWAYS WATCH REN AND TRY TO GET CLOSE TO LEARN AS MUCH AS SHE COULD ABOUT HER.
THAT'S HOW SHE GOT AS STRONG AS SHE IS NOW.
SO SHE'S LIKE A STALKER ...
BUT NOW SHE HAS HER EYE ON YOU, RIN-CHAN.
IN OTHER WORDS, RIGHT NOW...
...RINO IS THOROUGHLY VERSED ON THE SUBJECT OF YOU.
TH-THAT'S A BIT MUCH TO PUT ON A GUY...

It's almost like she can predict her every move! She's not letting her lay a finger on her!!
The Dragon of Storming Jade is fending her off! She's fending her off —!!
HAH!
HAAH!
ZA (FSH)
SHH
HEH HEH HEH ...
HEH HEH ...
HAAH.
HAAH.
HEH HEH ...
A fearless smile has suddenly bloomed on the Dragon of Storming Jade's lips.
Wh- what's this —!?
YOU'RE NOT RINTARO...
...YOU'RE A SHODDY IMITATION.
!!
THERE'S TWO REASONS ...
!!

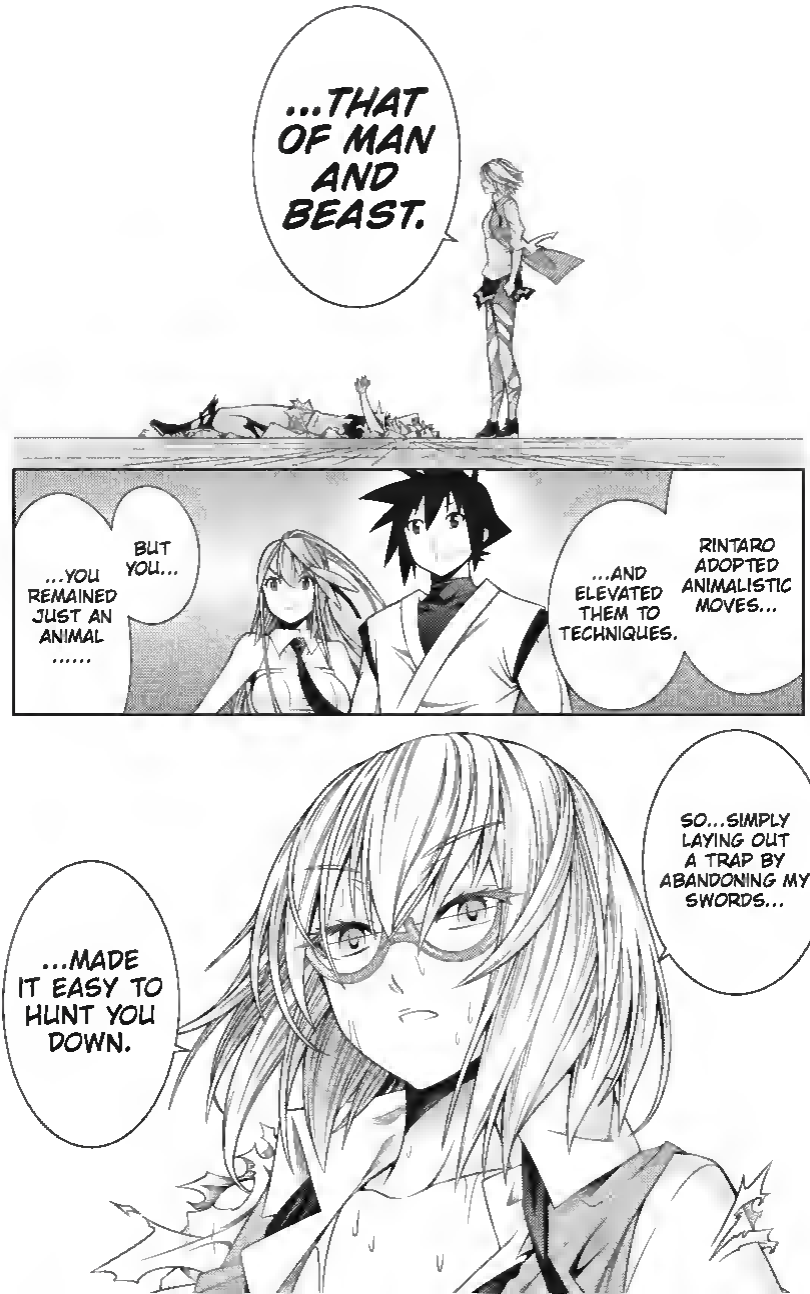
GASHU (SIGHT)
AND SECOND ...
...THERE'S ONE DECISIVE DIFFERENCE...
... BETWEEN YOU AND RINTARO.
GASHU (STAB)
GGGHHH
FIRST...
...IS THAT RINTARO WOULD SURPASS MY FORECASTS...
HE WOULDN'T LET ME PREDICT HIS EVERY MOVE THE WAY YOU DID.
GRR...
AND I'M ABOUT...
...TO DEMON-STRATE IT TO YOU!!
SHE'S SO RECK-LESS.
IT'S LIKE THROWING PREY IN THE FACE OF A PREDATOR
AND WITHOUT HER GUARD UP!?
SH-SHE'S NOT GOING TO USE HER SWORDS!?

メキ
MEKI (CREAK)
ビキ
BIKI (CRACK)
ニィ
NI (GRIN)
フ
FUUU (EXHALE)
ス
SU (INHALE)
ギリ
GYU (SQUEEZE)
ドン
DON (THUMP)
GRRRRR!!
ゴゴゴ
GOGOGO (RUMBLE)
ギュ
GYU (SQUEEZE)

INANAMI SCHOOL OF SWORDSMANSHIP SECRET TECHNIQUE—
HIDDEN SWORD WAVE
GOGOGOGO (CHARGING)
SUU (SWIPE)
SU (TOUCH)
TO (TAP)

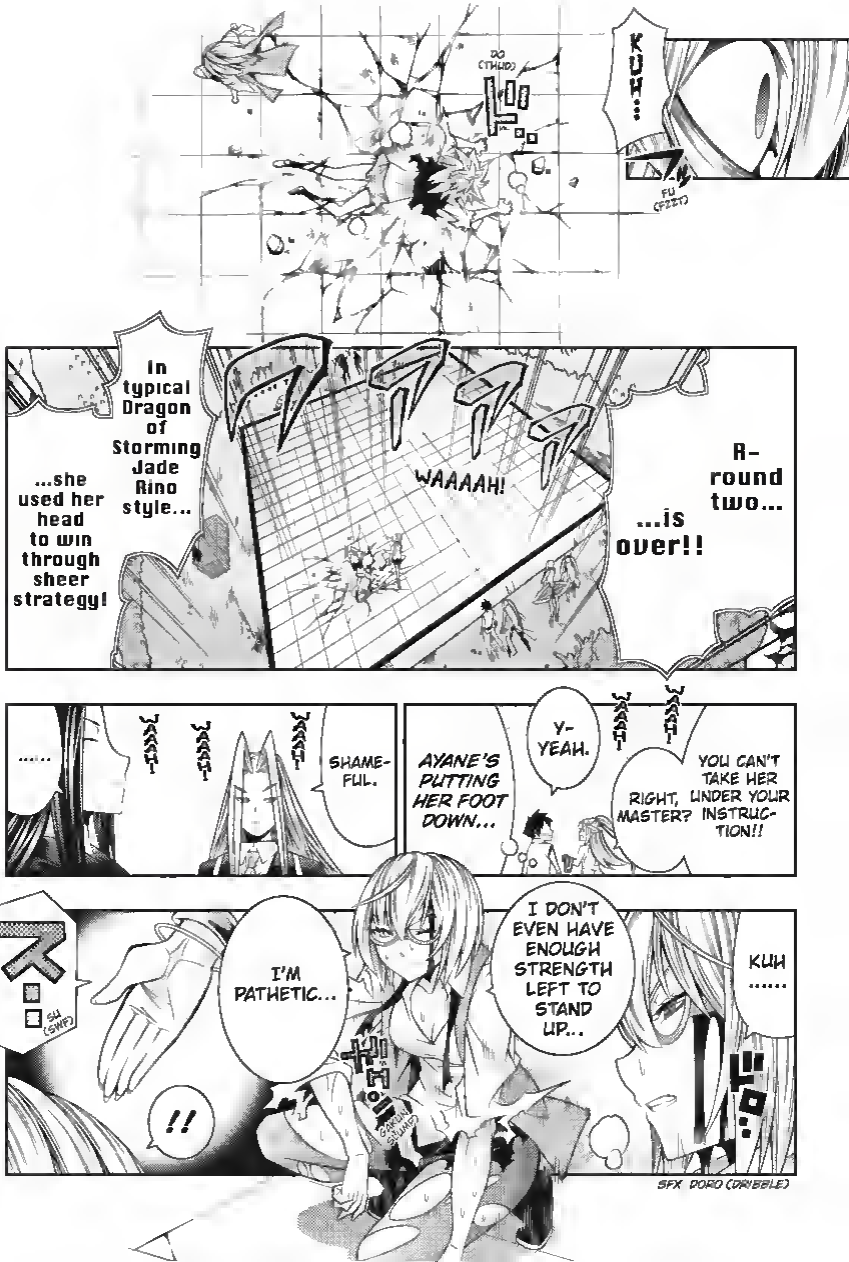
KRAK (SHATTER)
GOGO (RUMBLE)
BESO (LAUNCH!)
AH...
KAH...
This time the one to be smashed into the ground...
...is Kiriko!!
SHUUUN (SWOOSH)
What a development!!
It was so fast I can't tell what happened!

THE GUIDEBOOK ON SWORDSMANSHIP PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE INANAMI FAMILY SAYS THIS—
SHE SWEPT HER AWAY WITH THAT SERIES OF MOVES.....
WOW ...
DO NOT BECOME TOO ENAMORED WITH YOUR BLADE.
TRUE STRENGTH COMES FROM WITHIN.
WHAT MATTERS MOST IS BEING LIKE A CLEAR STREAM— DEFENDING ONESELF AND KNOWING THE RULES.....
ONE WRONG MOVE, AND SHE'D BE THE ONE PASSED OUT RIGHT NOW.
BUT THAT WAS A REAL LAST RESORT THERE.
GOKU GULP
...IS...
... BETWEEN YOU AND RINTARO ...
THE MAIN DIFFER-ENCE...
KAH...
KA-CLANG
HAAH.
HAAH.
AGH...


...THAT OF MAN AND BEAST.
RINTARO ADOPTED ANIMALISTIC MOVES...
...AND ELEVATED THEM TO TECHNIQUES.
BUT YOU...
...YOU REMAINED JUST AN ANIMAL .....
SO...SIMPLY LAYING OUT A TRAP BY ABANDONING MY SWORDS...
...MADE IT EASY TO HUNT YOU DOWN.

I CAN'T... LOSE...
I'M... STRONG ...!!
HAAH.
HAAH.
GU (STRAIN)
...YET ...!!
NOT...
DOKUN (ADUMP)
GRGHH...
GAKU (TREMBLE)
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU
GUH...
AGH...
SHUU (SSSHHH)
AHH...
GUGH...
HAAH.
HAAH.
GAGI (SCRAPE)

THIS TIME... IT'LL BE YOU.
I'LL RESEARCH YOU...
HAAH.
HAAH.
HAAH.
I'M GOING TO GET YOUR POWER...
... AND BECOME EVEN STRON-GER.
HAAH.
GU (STEP)
EVEN IF YOU PUT ON A FRONT OF BEING STRONG...
...YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A BLIND IMITATOR.
!?
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET STRONG...
...THEN STUDY UNDER RINTARO.
TON (TAP)


DO (THUD)
KUH...
SU (FEET)
...she used her head to win through sheer strategy!
In typical Dragon of Storming Jade Rino style...
WAAAAH!
...is over!!
R-round two...
.....
SHAME-FUL.
AYANE'S PUTTING HER FOOT DOWN...
Y-YEAH.
YOU CAN'T TAKE HER RIGHT, UNDER YOUR MASTER? INSTRUC-TION!!
SU (SNIF)
I'M PATHETIC...
!!
I DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT TO STAND UP...
KUH .....
SFX DORO (DRIBBLE)

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS ...
...TO THOSE WHO ARE OBSESSED WITH POWER...
EVEN IF YOU CAN CHARM PEOPLE BY YOUR STRENGTH ALONE...
...THE MOMENT YOU LOSE YOUR POWER, YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT...
THAT REASON WHY I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO COME TO NANGOKUREN...
DON'T COME TO NANGOKUREN.
...WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN TO YOU.
RIN WAS LOOKING OUT FOR YOU, RINO.
SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE ALL ALONE AFTER SHE'D GRADUATED.
SHE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT.
TA (TMP)
SU (SWF)

ぎゅ
GYU (SQUEEZE)
AACK!!
Ren and Rino are both enamored with you. ☆
RIN-CHAN!! YOU HAVE TO LOOK OVER THESE TWO SISTERS NOW!!
WAH!
DON (SHOVE)
SFX. SU (BREATHE)
KUH...
CLEAR MY MIND.
KEEP IT UNDISTURBED.

YEAOH!!
WAY OF THE STRONG STYLE—
BISHI (CRUSH)
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE CLASPING THE HAND OF MY DEPENDABLE BIG SISTER...
PWA!?
YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HER WEAKNESS TO TOUCH MY SISTER LIKE YOU HAD ANY RIGHT...
GOGOGOGOGO (RUMBLE)
S-SORRY, I COULDN'T HELP IT—
GOGOGO (RUMBLE)
YOU'VE BEEN ADMITTED INTO THE TALES OF FOUR HEROES?
OH, RIN-CHAN.
I'LL DIE AGAINST THESE TWO!
EEEEEE!
DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF.
DA (DASH)
YOU'LL TRY TO PICK UP JUST ABOUT ANYONE, WON'T YOU!?
JA (ZSHU)
NO PROBLEM... YOU AND I WILL BE ENOUGH.
SO THEY'RE ONE POINT IN THE LEAD...
TO BE CONTINUED

HUH...IF SHE TAKES A HELICOPTER TO SCHOOL... THEN HOW'LL SHE GET HOME?
Y-YEAH, GOOD NIGHT.
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW. GOOD NIGHT FOR NOW.
OH. RIGHT. YEAH, LET'S.
IT'S LATE. LET'S GO HOME.
WHEN DID HER RIDE GET HERE...!?
THANKS FOR PICKING ME UP, BAAYA.
WELCOME BACK, RINO-SAMA.
UH... WH-WHAT IS IT?
?
RING
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.
BAAYA!? MORE LIKE YODA!
OH, GEEZ! I'M MORE SCARED OF HER THAN OF ANY GHOST! WHAT DO I DO...
Y-YOUR HAND!? YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD MY HAND AGAIN?
SU (GRIP)
AND SHE DRIVES IT!!
YES.
WE'RE LEAVING NOW.
WHY'S IT FEEL LIKE... I'M BEING TAKEN OUT ON A WALK?
...
SUTA
SUTA (TMP)

TRANSLATION NOTES

Page 5
"I have no recollection of that." An infamous phrase uttered by Kenji Osano, a business mogul influential in politics who was caught in the Lockheed bribery scandal in 1976.

Page 7
***Hunter x Hunter*, Johness** *Hunter x Hunter* is a popular manga by Yoshihiro Togashi that features a very ruthless character named Johness the Dissector. The pose Kintoto is striking here is very reminiscent of one that Johness does as well.

Page 9
Tsukudo, *Shitamachi Rocket* *Shitamachi Rocket* is a TV drama about a man named Kohei Tsukudo who gives up his current career to take over his father's manufacturing plant to develop rockets.

Page 14
"The blue skies are already dead. The black skies shall soon rise." This is an adulterated version of the campaign slogan of the Yellow Turban Rebellion during the Han Dynasty that originally went "The Heaven (emperor) is already dead, the yellow earth (the rebels) shall soon rise."

"Japanese is hard." In Japanese, most written characters have multiple pronunciations. The meaning of *Kokuno Anten* ("Black Mist and Dark Skies") is not immediately obvious to a foreigner like Erna.

Page 30
Saizo Gomes, greed personified A play on the *Dragon Ball* manga arc "The Cell Games." The character responsible for arranging it is a green antagonist named Cell.

Page 39
Whispering Proprietress Sachiko Yubi was the owner of the high-class restaurant Senbo Kitcho, which closed due to food safety violations. She would whisper during her press conferences.

Page 48
Dempsey Boxing legend Jack Dempsey would sway his body in a figure-eight pattern to both attack and defend. This "Dempsey Roll" was popularized in Japan thanks to boxing manga *Hajime no Ippo*.

Page 50
Kingsman A reference to the film *Kingsman: The Secret Service*, and the fact that multiple characters have side parts and glasses.

Announcer Kotoke bow tie Shinichi Sotsuka is a famous Japanese TV announcer who always wears a signature bow tie.

Tuxedo Mask The iconic supporting hero from the *Sailor Moon* series who wears a black cape and throw roses as a weapon.

Page 51
The Three Visits for Help In the Chinese novel *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*, Liu Bei must pay three visits to strategic genius Zhuge Liang to gain his help. This has since become an idiom in Japanese culture to mean "to answer the call for help"—*sanko no rei*.

Boeye Refers to an old caretaker and housekeeper, usually a feature of very well-to-do families.

Page 62
Die Date Not only a reference to the action film *Die Hard*, the additional joke is that the words "hard" and "date" are written similarly in Japanese (*hisashi* vs. *deeto*).

Page 72
***Dragon Ball*, Piccolo** Piccolo is a green-skinned alien from the *Dragon Ball* series who famously strikes this pose when he blocks Gohan from Nappa's bomb attack.

Page 76
Salt pile A heap of salt set at the entrance of a typically high class Japanese restaurant to ward off bad luck.

Page 93
Hoverboard A brand of caster board, a skateboard-like vehicle.

Page 106
Little Vulture In Japanese, the term used here is *jigokumimi* ("hell ear"), or someone who hears any and all rumors.

Blanka Shintaro is imitating the *Street Fighter II* video game character Blanka, who can roll forward like a cannonball to attack.

Page 107
The wrong symbol for *Tachi* The "Tachi" in Shintaro's last name "Tachibana" means "to stand." The symbol on his back here, although it's also pronounced "Tachi" and means "to stand," it implies more "to get an erection."

Page 117
"Strongest pike and strongest shield." In Japanese, the kanji for the concept of "contradiction" is literally "pike-shield."

Page 136
Bin, Pyo, To, Sha, Kai, Jin, Retsu, Zai, Zen These symbols Kitcho is shouting out are part of the Kuji-kiri (Nine Symbolic Cuts), a series of hand gestures that are supposed to allow one's consciousness to reach even higher levels.

Page 139
Birdman Fist, *Otokojuku* Otokojuku is a fictional all boys' school in Tokyo from the manga *Sakigake!! Otokojuku*, where delinquents are are trained to become leaders of the next generation. Birdman Fist is a school of martial arts used by the character Hien.

Page 164
Strong Style, "YeeOh!!" The catchphrase of Japanese pro wrestler Shinsuke Nakamura, the "King of Strong Style," whose signature pose is being done by Shintaro. Nakamura is famous for his eccentricity and powerful knee strikes. Strong Style is a Japanese form of pro wrestling that emphasizes realism in performance.

Tales of Four Heroes A DVD featuring Shinsuke Nakamura and three other pro wrestlers who have all been major stars in New Japan Pro Wrestling.

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